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DEFINITIONS

ASTRAL PROJECTION

Out-of-the-body experiences: the name for the rare talent of some minds to range free of the body.

CLAIRVOYANCE

The professed power to discern objects not present to the senses.

EXORCISM

To try to expel evil spirits or malignant influences from a person or place by means of solemn ceremonies, or religious commands.

PRECOGNITION

To know beforehand—clairvoyance relating to an event or state not yet experienced.

PSYCHOKINESIS

Movement of physical objects through the power of the mind without use of physical means.

PSYCHOMETRY

The art or faculty of divining facts about a thing or a person associated with (by contact or proximity) to the object.

TELEPATHY

Apparent communication from one mind to another, without the channels of the senses.

Chapter One

COUNTESS AMAYA

Countess Amaya, once known as Gypsy Markoff—P. O. Box 6009, Santurce, Puerto Rico, U.S.A., is a former entertainer who has become an accomplished seeress. She was born in Milwaukee, raised in Shanghai, China, and has traveled throughout the world. Her life has peaked to professional triumphs and plunged into the dark valleys of personal tragedy.

"My father was a Roman gypsy and I was born in Milwaukee when he was a bandmaster in a circus, and the show was playing there," the Countess explained. "I studied music in Shanghai as a little girl and returned to America when I was thirteen years old. My parents divorced at that time and I was sent to New York to live with an aunt."

Countess Amaya launched her entertainment career with an accordion when she was a teen-ager. "I started playing the accordion in a beautiful old gypsy restaurant," she explained. This began a world famous

show business career for Gypsy Markoff, as she was known professionally in the entertainment world.

"I love to entertain people and I toured the world, playing the accordion, singing, and forecasting the future for my friends and customers," she recalled. "As Gypsy Markoff, I played many command performances for royalty in Europe. After my show, I was asked to read their palms or throw the cards to determine their future."

I interviewed Countess Amaya in her sparsely furnished home in Puerto Rico, a large apartment with large glass windows that look out over the sea. "I cannot stand to have too much furniture in a room," Countess Amaya explained. "I can never be comfortable if there is lots of heavy, overstuffed furniture. It takes up so much space and I always feel as if I am going to suffocate. It seems to be closing in on me. So, I purchase a few good pieces of furniture and decorate with flowers and plants."

Does a crowded room lessen your psychic abilities?

It is much harder to work if there are heavy, big pieces of furniture around me. I like living things; plants and flowers. I always felt that furniture was cold and uninviting.

I suppose we could start by asking about your show business career.

It was a wonderful life because I have always been interested in people and I am excited by new places and new countries. I appeared at the White House several times. I was a favorite entertainer of King Gustav of Sweden and when I appeared in Egypt I was invited to the palace of King Farouk and Queen Farida. Once, in Paris, I was approached by two men and asked to fly to Berlin and sing for Adolf Hitler. I

refused to go and told Hermann Goering and Josef Goebbels what I thought of their little dictator and their Nazi regime.

When did you join the U.S.O. troupe?

I left Europe when World War II broke out and returned to the United States. That was a very tragic time in the world; there were so many young men marching off to war. The bombing of cities was so terrible. I joined the U.S.O. so I would be able to entertain these soldiers. On one trip we were going to Africa to entertain soldiers. Two nights before I was to leave for Africa, I had a terrifying dream of being aboard a plane that crashed down out of the skies. I dreamed that I was drowning in dark, deep water. I told my aunt about it; she pleaded with me to cancel the tour. As a gypsy, she believed very much in dreams as a way to foretell the future.

I mentioned the dream to my good friend, Robert Ripley of "Believe It Or Not" fame. Bob was always interested in anything that was strange and unusual. In his travels around the world he had learned how to interpret dreams. He told me this dream was particularly bad.

We were landing at Lisbon, Portugal, with thirty-nine people aboard the plane. That was the night of February 22, 1943. We crashed into the Tagus river. Twenty-four persons were killed. Jane Froman and I were among those who survived the tragedy.

Did the crash happen as you had dreamed?

It was as I had dreamed. I was thrown into the water. It was a very dark, black night. There was debris everywhere. My arm and my shoulders were badly hurt, and I knew I would never be able to swim to shore. Someone heard me struggling in the

water and they pushed a life jacket toward me. I managed to strap it around me and then I passed out.

After the crash, I spent many months in the hospital. I still have pain from the injuries and two fingers on my hand are paralyzed from it. In the first fourteen months after the crash I had twenty-two surgical operations and this included several plastic surgery operations to repair my face.

Yet, despite these problems, you made a comeback in show business.

I was very despondent one afternoon in a veteran's hospital where I was receiving treatments. My whole life had been show business and it appeared that Gypsy would never be on stage again. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was visiting in the hospital; she invited me to Hyde Park for a weekend at the President's estate.

When I went out to Hyde Park, she told me that she had studied the accordion as a young girl. She suggested that I use my two good fingers on the bass notes and, after many operations, I toured again with the U.S.O.

Was this the reason you were called "The Indestructible Gypsy?"

I had many close calls with death in those days. After the war, I was appearing in Japan and I was injured in an earthquake in Kobe. General Douglas MacArthur visited me in the hospital and he called me his "Indestructible Gypsy." His words were printed all over the world.

Is there a regular method you use to obtain psychic information?

There is no method, really, but just a thought. If I want to know something about the future I will ask myself if this or that thing will happen. Often, I'll ask

myself how the weather will be tomorrow; I'm always given the answer and people consider me a walking barometer. The answers are sometimes given to me in my dreams. At other times, I may be walking along the beach or going shopping when I receive the answer. Sometimes, I project myself out of my body. My body is walking down the street but my inner self is not in it. I'm somewhere else and I can almost look down and see myself. I suppose this is something like astral projection.

There is another place where I obtain predictions on world affairs. My powers seem to increase when I'm in a church, particularly a Spanish church. This works best when there is a loud priest who shouts too much. The sound of his voice will bring about a condition where my mind sort of drifts off into another world. This is when I receive my best predictions on world events, often without really asking for them.

Can our future be changed?

The future can be changed, either through man's use of his free will or by prayer. Prayer is a very strong force. According to Kismet, though, Fate is Fate and all our efforts cannot change what is written to be. I am a gypsy and my people have many expressions about life and the world. My favorite is: You make your own luck.

Even people who glimpse the future can allow their heart to run away with them. I did this in 1968 when I predicted that Nelson Rockefeller would win the presidency. My heart caused me to create a real *faux paux*. I am very fond of Gov. Rockefeller, not because he is a rich man or anything like that.

I just like Gov. Rockefeller. I've always admired him from a distance. Every time he goes into the

elections I send him a telegram or I telephone a prediction that he will win. My heart wanted him to be President of the United States and I let this desire overcome my psychic feelings. I try not to let my predictions be channeled through my heart. Of course, one cannot always be right and we should not ask any psychic to score one hundred per cent with predictions. Then they would be perfect and infallible and everyone would know the future exactly. It would remove the mystery out of life.

Could you tell us about some of your more interesting predictions?

I have met many people of royalty and high standing, people who hold big positions in the world. These are people who have been very powerful and, when I was an entertainer, I was asked to give my psychic impressions of their future.

I was a teen-ager when I played in Egypt for the first time and I stayed at the original Shepherd's Hotel. This was the old hotel, not the Hilton one that is now there. The manager in those days was Mr. Charles Bernair, a very gracious gentleman.

He was a very good friend of King Farouk and he knew royalty from all over the world. One afternoon, my aunt and I were walking in the garden when we met Mr. Bernair. This was a very beautiful garden, beside Shepherd's Hotel. There were gazelles, little deer, tame animals, flowers, plants, and trees from all over Egypt.

The King had ordered a statue of Mr. Bernair to be cast and the *objet d'art* had been installed in the garden.

"Look, Gypsy," Mr. Bernair said. "I have been honored with a statue in the garden."

I looked at the statue and, without warning, I went into a trance as if—well, my mind just seemed to leave my body. There was a vision of fire, everything was burning . . . there was lots of smoke and flames. But, in the midst of the roaring flames, Mr. Bernair's statue remained safe from the fire.

"What's wrong?" Mr. Bernair asked. He was very upset and concerned for me. "Don't you feel well? Come, let us go back to the hotel and we will have some tea and scones."

As we walked back to the hotel, I told him and my aunt of my vision. "Your statue will be the only thing that will not be destroyed," I said.

Mr. Bernair laughed and teased me about playing fortune teller with him.

Do you know, though, there was a big fire in Cairo in the nineteen fifties and the old Shepherd's Hotel was completely destroyed. The garden was in flames and the only object that was untouched with this marvelous statue of Mr. Bernair.

Once, I was invited to Queen Farida's birthday party when she was married to King Farouk. "You are a gypsy. Please look at my palm and read the future," the Queen said.

I took her hand and I could see that she had a long life ahead of her.

"You will have beautiful children," I predicted.

"Will there be a boy?" the Queen asked.

"I really don't know," I said, although I could only see girls for her. The King was standing right beside us and I knew that he was very concerned about an heir for the throne.

"Look at my hand," King Farouk said. "Perhaps you will see many boys there."

"You will have one boy," I said. "Unfortunately, he will not be like you. He will lead a life that will be far different from your life."

The King laughed at this prediction. "You are right about the boy, Gypsy," he said. "But you are wrong about his life. He will make a great king."

Later, King Farouk divorced Queen Farida because she did not give him a son. He married a commoner and there was a son, but the throne was lost in the revolution and King Farouk and his family and friends were exiled from Egypt. I was never too happy with the men who took power from the king. They were humorless men, greedy men interested in power, and I dreamed last year that Nasser would die.

I was working at the famous Casanova Club in Paris before World War II and, at that time, the royalty of Europe came to Paris for their fun. In Paris, they always came out to the Casanova Club to see Gypsy perform and to have their future told. King Carol always stopped in when he was in Paris. He liked to hear my prediction that he would live a very long life. But, he always laughed when I told him that he would die a very unhappy man.

"A king should never be unhappy," he laughed.

But, as you know, he lost his crown and he died in exile, a very unhappy man.

When I visited Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at Hyde Park one weekend I discovered that she was very interested in psychic matters. She had a marvelous collection of books on the subject and many of these volumes were very old, very rare. She asked me to read her palm and I read her life just as it happened.

Did you get to read President Roosevelt?

He would not allow me to read his hand. He

wouldn't even let Mrs. Roosevelt or me throw the cards out. He said that such foolishness was for young ladies like his wife.

Do you read palms according to the lines or is there some ESP involved?

My gypsy relatives taught me to read the hand and, even as a young child, I was able to see the future in a palm. The lines of the hand are very important but the true reader must also learn to pick up the vibrations from the subject. You have to keep your mind open to these impressions—they are like mental pictures—that come into the mind. You might say that I use both types of methods.

Didn't you predict in advance that President Johnson would not run for re-election?

I was even given the exact day when he would announce his decision not to run. The information came to me as I was sitting in my apartment one afternoon answering my mail.

I was on a radio show at station WHOA here in San Juan and I mentioned seeing water all over the place. I could see that Puerto Rico, my beautiful land, was going to be under a lot of water. Since then, we have had a lot of terrible floods.

In fact, I feel that something else is coming very soon but the full vision has not been given to me. I don't know if it is more floods, although there seems to be huge waves and water pouring over areas where floods have not been before. I think this is dim because it may yet be changed if the people here would be more attentive with prayer and ask for God's help.

What power do you feel has given you this gift?

I think it was a higher power, God.

Do you know why you were selected?

I don't know. It seems that all of my life I have had much pain and misery. I have had lots of fun because I believe in a person enjoying life as they go along. We should not postpone our happiness to the future because we may not be alive in the future.

Did your psychic ability increase or lessen after the Lisbon plane crash?

The plane crash was the first bad thing in my life and it took eighteen years of operations. I am still seeing doctors because of those old injuries. But, the one good thing was that my psychic power seemed to increase in direct ratio to the pain and suffering. I was luckier than many people in the hospital because I was able to leave my body at times when the pain became unbearable.

Do you think everyone is gifted with ESP?

The talent is there, although it is hidden in many people. I like to take out my deck of Dr. Rhine's ESP cards and lay them face down on a table and ask my friends to select the five symbols. I am able to select the cross, the star, or the circle, or the other symbols without missing. I can do this all of the time and it just comes to me. I get a picture through the card that tells me. Many people do this very well, much better than we might suppose. I have a little game I play sometimes. I can make the person select the right card if I am in a mood to concentrate.

Can you use your psychic power to help yourself?

Except in some very rare cases, I am not able to see my future. This is especially true in gambling. I just love it. Sometimes I dream of certain numbers and I always play them in the lottery which is held here each week. If a special number is not given to me in

a dream. I always play five and nine because I was born in May. No, I will not tell you the year so don't ask. It is just as well that I am not able to predict numbers for myself or control the dice. If I could do that, the casinos of the world would be broke. Gambling is my greatest vice and I could stay up day and night playing at the games. I do not win very often, but when I do it is always a big sum. But I always lose it back again.

Perhaps you should throw a gypsy curce on the gaming tables.

You are teasing me. You may laugh, but I believe in the power of hexes. My gypsy aunt taught me to cast a hex. There have been times when I have been tempted to put a gypsy hex on someone who was giving me a lot of trouble. I never did as there is the danger that a hex can return to the one who created it. And, I have had enough problems in this life.

The gift has been with me since I can remember. Like the other areas of our minds and bodies, though, it took time for the power to grow. Perhaps the power had to mature. Or maybe I needed to mature before the power developed.

Did you have a normal childhood?

I was raised in the circus and there were gypsies all around me. They taught me how to read palms and to develop an awareness into the psychic area. There were very few children in the circus and I was a very lonely child. There were little bear cubs with the circus and my mother used to put them in the crib to sleep with me. They were surprisingly gentle, very warm and cuddly.

I guess I didn't really live with people those first seven or eight years. The adults were too busy to pay

much attention to me. They fed me and put me to bed. I was left alone most of the time.

When I was very, very young I used to see a vision of a very beautiful lady. She came around many times and I believe she was my guardian angel. She guided me from bad to good and she kept me away from dangers. I tried to talk to my relatives about this lady, but they would simply cross themselves and tell me I was imagining things. As I grew older and became interested in music, I could often feel her presence when I played the accordion. When I play music today I can still feel the presence of several forms near me.

I have never been able to determine what the faces are like. There appears to be a veiling power that withholds their faces from me.

Would these veiled forms be the masters, the elusive mystical brotherhood?

I believe that the masters are very real. They are like the ancient priests of the High Kaballah. They may be the presence that is around me at times, although they look somewhat like those pictures on the Tarot cards. They may be the agents of a higher power.

Are there certain objects that will heighten your abilities?

Oh yes, there are several because I have my little Blessed Virgin, my Lady of Fatima on the wall over there. I have Isis, the goddess of love, to give me inspiration. I like to hold a rosary from Rome, blessed by the Pope. I also have my amulets and talismen which I must carry with me for good luck. Sometimes, I have to change these in order to change my luck.

Are there different levels to your ESP?

Warren, I am not even certain that this is extra-sensory-perception. It is just something that I feel, see, that comes to me any time of the day or night. Sometimes it does not work at all. I have been trying to find out who will be the next President of the United States. I keep getting a picture of a stranger, someone I do not know, a person who has not been running. He is tall, dark hair, very handsome in a rugged sort of way.

After a tiring day, I will look into my crystal ball and see things. I like to put my little dog in my lap and just sit there and look at the scenes that appear in the crystal.

Certain people will also put me into a very creative mood. I have read about Jeane Dixon and I have the greatest admiration for her. Edgar Cayce is another one of my favorites and I love to read his books. I enjoy reading the books by Lobsang Rampa. They put me in a psychic mood. And, of course, I have all of the books by my dear friend, Sybil Leek. Sybil is truly a gifted person and her ability to predict the future is truly phenomenal.

Do you believe in reincarnation?

I don't really know because I never thought too much about reincarnation until I read some books, especially those by Lobsang Rampa. I know there is another life when we are gone from this earthly world. I have not been given, and I have not asked for, psychic revelation on the subject.

Are there other psychics with talents equal to your own?

Yes, of course. There are many new people. I see the field expanding because the older ones who have

been gifted are still very strong. I believe that the information you are providing to the public helps many people to become aware of their ability to do these things.

One of the biggest psychic misses was the predicted earthquake in California. Is there a reason why a predicted event may miss?

The planets may change, or the prayers of people can perhaps change it.

Do you see certain trends in the problems of people?

Immediately I think of women because there are so many lonely women in the world. They want to know when they will be married again or the bachelor girls want to know if they will find a mate.

Do people ask about financial problems?

Many people want to solve their lack of security. They want to know where to find gold, a buried treasure, or rich minerals.

Could you help me discover a buried treasure?

I can give you some psychic impressions that would help to guide you. One of my clients lives in Wyoming and he was pretty broke when he contacted me. He had very little money, but many hopes of making some money with some rich ore. I helped him find a rich deposit and he is now getting up on his feet and doing very well.

Let's take a glimpse at the future and look at things to come. What do you foresee for the California earthquake? Will there be one? When?

I predict that the year 1972 will be the time when a big, big earthquake strikes California. I think this will be in the spring, although I am not sure of the exact time. Just the year. There will be a smaller

earthquake in the autumn of 1971. The big one will be in 1972.

I've had several psychics make this same prediction. Do you think everyone tunes in on the same channel of information?

I am sure that this is exactly what happens. The psychics may use the Tarot cards, receive ESP messages, or even do automatic writing. But the information given to them comes from the same source.

What about the growing interest in occult subjects today?

Everyone is searching for something today. Everyone needs something to believe in and a lot of people have left the established churches because they seem to be money-mad. I believe people are groping around for another way to worship. Also, I think there is a reaction against science because the age-old dreams of happiness in a technological age has turned into bitterness.

Do you have any specific predictions for the future?

We should be prepared for more disasters. There are many earth changes to come.

Youth will become an even more important force in the world. They will have more to do with running the world.

Within two years, I predict that the stock market will rise again.

We are going to see some unusual changes in the U.S. government. I don't expect to see fascism or anything like that. But, the government will become less benevolent and it will not be so quick to give money to other governments, or people. We do have to guard against Communism because it is the most dangerous, most evil doctrine in the world today.

There has been a lot of experimentation in the occult. Do you think a teen-ager or an untrained person should do this?

Absolutely not. You should be at least sixteen to eighteen years old before you start to experiment with even a ouija board. Some of the younger people may not be aware of the dangers and they could open themselves to demonical possession.

What do you do when you give a reading?

Most of the time I will use the Tarot cards or my crystal ball. Also, I may ask myself a question and wait for the answer to come. I also love to read tea leaves, which seems to be a lost art.

How can a visitor to Puerto Rico find you?

My phone number is in the telphone book under "gypsy." Or, they can look for Countess Amaya in the regular listings. I am also the owner of "Gypsy's Russian Tea House." I am the hostess there and we serve tea, coffee, Russian or Gypsy dinners, sandwiches, and wonderful tidbits from the four corners of the world.

Do you counsel people by mail?

I do this quite frequently. I don't have to meet people personally to receive answers to their problems. I advertise in Fate Magazine with this service and I charge five dollars for the answers to three questions.

Is there a particular reason why you live in Puerto Rico?

I came here for the sun. My doctors said that the old injuries from the Lisbon plane crash would cause me less trouble if I soaked up as much sun as possible. I am not a good swimmer, but I love to wade in the ocean and I walk along the beaches.

Chapter Two

DOC ANDERSON

The interview with R. C. "Doc" Anderson occurred at his ESP studio at 302 Gordon Avenue in Rossville, Georgia. A remarkable psychic who has been called a "living Edgar Cayce," Doc Anderson has counseled visitors to his studio for more than three decades. His ability to predict the future is documented by predictions made publicly in print before the event occurred. A study of his accuracy in predicting the future privately for his clients was conducted recently. On a statistical rating, the southern seer racked up an impressive 91.34 percent score.

"This is an incredible score when we consider the number of clients who seek his advice, the variety of their problems, and the numerous predictions he makes each day," reported the investigator.

Although he is in his sixties, Doc Anderson exhibits the strength and agility of a much younger man. The dark shadows of night had edged down the slopes of Lookout Mountain before the last client left the psy-

chic's office. The six-foot-two-inch, three-hundred-pound psychic stood up from his ornate chair and flexed his powerful shoulders. A diamond glistened on his thick-knuckled ring finger as he prepared two iced Coca Colas. "I get awful thirsty when I'm working psychically," Doc Anderson said. "Sometimes I think I operate on fluid drive. I drink enough Cokes and ice water for two or three people."

Doc Anderson set the Cokes on his desk, leaned back in his chair, and placed a black-booted foot on the edge of his desk. He unloosened his flamboyant tie, unbuttoned the collar of his shirt, and relaxed. I snapped on my tape recorder. This is the transcript of our conversation on a quiet autumn evening in Rossville, Georgia.

When did you first know that you had psychical powers?

It started back in Granger, Iowa, in the summer of 1918. My family had moved there from the little coal-mining town of Enterprise, Iowa. I was always very close to my brother, Nelson. Nels had left home the year before to join the Canadian Army and he was in Europe fighting in World War One.

That afternoon I was playing on the floor of the family living room. I had heard my parents discussing the bad fighting in the trenches in Europe, but I don't recall that the subject was really on my mind. I was just like any other little boy; I never expected death to strike anyone I loved. As I played that afternoon, I was suddenly drawn by some strange power to look up on the wall at Nelson's picture. It seemed like time stood still. I had a sudden vision of Nels being shot in the face. I could see him slumping down on

the battlefield. Just as this happened, the glass over my brother's picture shattered. The fragments of glass fell to the floor and they formed a perfect heart.

I ran to my mother and cried out that Nels had been shot.

She slapped me across the face. "You pray for forgiveness," she demanded. "Don't you ever say a thing like that about your brother!"

I ran out of the house, almost hysterical with grief. I knew that Nels was dead. The images of that vision kept running over and over through my mind. I was heart-broken. A few days later we received a telegram from the Canadian Army. Nels had been killed at Verdun, shot in the face by a sniper's bullet.

You had never had any previous knowledge of being able to see the future?

My grandfather had predicted that I was gifted with second sight, as it was called in those days. My grandpaw was a powerful medicine man in the Sioux Indian tribe. My mother was a full-blooded Sioux Indian, a very beautiful woman, and she married my father, who was an immigrant from Sweden. As you know, both groups have produced many prophets and clairvoyants. My grandpaw was a real wizard and he performed many seemingly miraculous feats. He was particularly good at curing people with Indian remedies and herbal medicine. He was a powerful *shaman,* or witch doctor. Despite his prediction that I had second sight, neither my parents nor I paid much attention to the statement until the vision of Nels' death.

My grandfather visted our home and he seemed to know that, although I was a child, I must be prepared for my work in the future. We took long walks togeth-

er on the prairie. He pointed out the different herbs, trees, and berries and told me how to make up remedies. He knew that these secrets were dying with the old Indians. He wanted them to be passed along to the future through me.

Have you found that some of his remedies worked?

The Indians practiced a natural type of medicine. Through the ages, many of these old remedies were handed down from medicine man to medicine man. Some of these old boys knew what they were doing. They were pretty good at diagnosing illness. I don't think they knew how the herbs or remedies worked. The fact is, my grandpaw said it was the work of the spirits. As we know now, there was a chemical-biological factor involved in many of these remedies. But my grandpaw never underestimated the healing effects of the Great Spirit, God, that higher power, to cure. My grandpaw always claimed that the person who was ill had to first want to get well.

"Little Bobby, they must want to live," he used to say. "No medicine is good unless the sick one wants to get well."

He was pretty far ahead of his time in recognizing that the attitude of the patient was perhaps the most important thing in medicine. We're just starting to develop research on this aspect of medicine, recognizing that the mind can make us sick and it can also make us well.

Do you use these remedies for your healing work?

Very seldom. I find that many of these concoctions are no longer needed. It has also been very difficult to obtain certain varieties of herbs and plants. When I can get them, the natural healing powers are often tainted by pollution, harsh chemicals, or pesticides.

Son, the world is losing potency in many areas because of pollution. Humanity appears to have an obsession to destroy this planet. Fortunately, I foresee that concerned people will act more effectively in the future. Pollution will always be with us, but the damage will be less in the days ahead. Many of the old remedies are now produced by the drug companies. They are prescribed by physicians in a synthetic pill or capsule form.

Are you doing any kind of healing?

First, I will make absolutely no claims for my healing powers. There are too many things that can affect a curative program. I say that the best thing a sick person can do is to find a good physician. I do faith healing.

There are many charlatans in the field of healing and they create untold harm by preying on the hopes of disillusioned people. The psychic surgeons of the Philippines are an example of these money-hungry operators. Miraculous cures do occur; they are much more commonplace than we realize. Miracle healings are certainly nothing new to the Christian Church because the rituals of healing were a part of the early Church services. The Catholic Church maintains shrines at holy places throughout the world. In the future, we will see healing become a more effective program in the Protestant Churches.

I've talked to many people who claimed to have been healed by you. How does this process work?

I heal through prayer, meditation, and the love of God for his children. The usual schedule is for me to pray each night and, as I pray, I ask that these afflicted people be given relief from their illness. Prayer and belief in the goodness of God is the only

way to obtain a miraculous cure. On occasion, when there are disturbing elements in a situation, my mind, or spirit, will travel out to that person and be with them during a time of crisis.

Do you charge a fee for healing?

Absolutely not. Any person in the United States can telephone me during the day at my office in Rossville, Georgia. The telephone number here is area code 404-831-1091. I try to speak personally with every person who calls me. However, if I am with a guest in the ESP studio, my assistants will take the information and bring the item to my attention. I try to help any person who is ill in either the body or the mind. There is no charge for healing through meditation and prayer.

Many newspapers and reporters have compared you to Edgar Cayce. How do you feel about this?

I knew Mr. Cayce and, of course, I am highly honored and humbled when someone compares me to this great, gifted, man. Mr. Cayce would have lived much longer if he had not weakened himself physically to help others. If I am the successor to Cayce, I pray that my mind and body can handle the demands of work.

I've been with you when you entered a trance. I'm certain that everyone would be interested in your version of what happens in a trance. Would you care to explain it?

Well, Warren, if I get tongue-tied with the big words you put in the right one when you type this out. I am just not certain how my process works; I just know that they do work. The sleeping, or trance, state eliminates the impulses of my senses. It blots out my conscious mind and ego. You might say that in

this state, old Doc Anderson does not exist. I am not conscious of the passing of time nor am I able to receive the sense impressions that tell me where I am.

You could compare the source of all knowledge to a radio or television station. I am the receiving set. All things that are known, or will be known, are programmed into that broadcasting station. It becomes Doc Anderson's job to be receptive to the broadcast. Ordinarily, I am able to pick up most of the 'programs' in my conscious state. However, you must remember that a psychic has the same hopes, fears, and feelings of any other person. If I am suffering from a headache, or I'm tired, my conscious mind may act like static. It may prevent the messages from coming through. The psychic impressions are garbled. Then, I have to enter a trance to obtain the precise data.

As you also know, I use a certain type of self-hypnosis to enter the trance state. This is aided by a yoga exercise that was given to me by the old masters during my travels in Tibet many years ago. The exercise simply removes tension from my body and makes it receptive to the hypnotic process.

Once I am in a trance, the mind and body of Doc Anderson disappear and the entity takes over my body. As you have witnessed many of my trances, you know that my facial expressions change and there is a marked difference in my voice. I find that old Doc Anderson is also able to use words and sentences that he couldn't pronounce ordinarily. I didn't even graduate from the eighth grade because I had to work and help out my family. I am not an educated man. I get tongue-tied using many words. But you have listened

to the tape recordings and made some tapes of the trances yourself. You know that I often use words in the sleeping state that I didn't even know existed.

I talked to the woman in Detroit who was cured of headaches and nausea. Was that an average sort of trance?

Her husband and brother brought her down to Rossville to my office. It was not necessary to make the trip down here, but they felt she would be helped. She was brought into the office and she was so skinny and worn-out that she could have got a job as a flag-pole. She had been doctoring for several months. Her husband explained that she had been suffering for several months from headaches. She couldn't keep food on her stomach. She woke up in a sort of stupor every morning.

I went into a trance state while they were here. I was confused when the tape recording of the trance was played back. I'll read some of the transcript of that trance. It was:

(*No. 309-70*): There is nothing physically wrong with this entity. She is a strong and very healthful person. Change her bedroom or else remove the electrical blanket from her bed. Her bed has a red-colored electrical blanket on it. There are possible current leakages in the blanket and these are attacking the physical body of the entity. Change beds or remove the blanket and the cure will be immediate . . ."

The transcript goes on for several pages, but this provides an idea of what it was about. I still don't understand it, but apparently there is an electromagnetic element in our brains and, somehow, she was a victim of too much electricity in her body. That was one of the strangest cases I ever had, buddy, and

I truly believe that poor woman might have wasted away if she hadn't found out what was causing the problem. I heard from her the other day and she is getting along fine.

Does this mean I should go home and throw away my electric blanket?

Son, I use one and they are a blessing on a cold, wintry night. The husband and wife slept in the same bed. She was ill, but her husband was not harmed by the current leakage. There was something in her system that soaked up the current.

I also want to add that I have been in a trance state and experienced some pretty frightening moments. My conscious mind, my ego, or the inner essence of Doc Anderson seems to go into some other place. It vanishes. I am very cautious as to who is around me under those circumstances. There is always a danger of being awakened too quickly and being damaged either mentally or physically. I have even thought of having a doctor attend me when I go into a trance, but that seems like such a bother.

What happens if you come out of the trance too rapidly?

Well, let me give you a run-down on some of the dangers. I was in a trance one afternoon when an assistant of mine lost his balance. He grabbed for the edge of the couch and, in doing so, he ran his hand through the air over my body. His hand passed about six or eight inches above me. Yet, I twisted up with pain. I felt like he had shoved his hand right through my body. I was sore for a couple of weeks. Or, a loud noise can also bring me up out of the trance too rapidly and this can affect my body. Returning from the trance too quickly makes it impossible to work for

a couple of days. I get a blinding, migraine-type of headache and this can only be cured by waiting for time to be the healer.

What happens to your physical body during a trance?

I have a physician's report around here somewhere. The heart and pulse beat slow down. Circulation of blood almost ceases. My body temperature drops. Blood pressure drops way down. I think my physical body enters a sort of suspended animation during a trance. The doctor who made the report said it couldn't happen and he checked and rechecked his readings.

Could you possibly not return from a trance?

Do you mean that the mind and ego of Doc Anderson disappears someplace and never returns? Buddy, that is always a possibility when you are dealing with the paranormal and the unknown. A shock during a trance might awaken me and not give my mind and ego time to return to the body. If that should happen, I would probably get myself back together in time. Maybe I would return to normal within a couple of days, just as headaches are cured. If not, I suppose old Doc would become a human vegetable.

I'm certain that everyone would like to hear about how you are finding oil wells in Texas. Do you mind explaining how that started?

John Shaw is a Texas oil tycoon and John was having a real bad run of luck. John said he had drilled about forty-eleven dry holes!

"All the other oil men nave their spies follow me around," John said when he came to see me. "When they see where I drill a well, they head off in the opposite direction."

You see, John's luck was so bad that everyone knew there wouldn't be oil within five miles of where he was drilling.

There was an article in *Saga* magazine a couple of years ago that contained my predictions for the next year. Incidentally, 29 out of 32 of those predictions proved true. John read that article while he was waiting for a flight at an airport. John is a real man of action; he didn't mess around but just walked over to the ticket counter and changed his flight to Chattanooga.

John came in here talking a mile a minute and swearing that I was going to change his luck. He was so comical that I kept laughing when I gave him a reading. John's a real good old boy, so I agreed to fly down to Texas and take a look at his oil leases. You understand, the oilmen just lease the land where they drill the wells. Most of them don't own it.

When I got down to Texas John was happier than a hound dog under the supper table. He hardly let me get my luggage off the plane before we were bouncing over those back country Texas roads out to his leases. We stopped at the first lease and I walked out over the land. I couldn't see anything beneath the earth, as if there was a great dryness beneath me. I told John that he should sell that lease or just let it expire. Another oilman bought that lease off John and, sure enough, he drilled six dry holes in the field.

Did any of the leases prove good?

We got over to another spot and I walked across the field. I was about midway across the lease when I began to get dizzy. My legs started to buckle beneath me. I felt like fainting. John helped me to keep

walking. The palms of my hands began to burn, as if they were on fire.

"My hands! My hands!" I was barely able to speak. The pain was awful.

John and his drilling crew were all around me. One of the drilling workers saw that my palms were covered with blood; it was flowing out of my palms. Just at that moment, I saw a vision of a giant oil pool beneath the surface of that land.

"Stake this spot," I whispered.

John wiped the blood from my palms and helped me get cleaned up. His men staked the spot.

"Doc, I seen a lot of things but this beats everything," John said. "I'm going to take this bloody handkerchief into town and get the blood analyzed. There's no wounds on your hands. You ain't got any cuts. I want to know if this was your blood."

A reporter from the newspapers heard about it. He got one of the handkerchiefs and ran another analysis. The blood turned out to be human blood, but it was a type different from my own. To this day, I still don't know where the blood comes from or how it flows in my palms. I just know that when I stand directly over a rich source of oil or precious minerals my palms burn and the blood appears.

Have any wells proven successful?

Well, John just capped the Shaw-Weeks Well No. 1 in Jones County, Texas. The well is located eight miles north of Abilene, Texas, on the Henry Sayles Jr., subdivision, near Hawley. John just brought in the Shaw Kennebrew Well No. 1 in Eastland County, Texas. These wells are already in production and making money for John R. Shaw and Associates. John held two big celebrations the other day. One was at his

office in Dallas; the other was at his drilling headquarters out in Albany, Texas.

I understand there were a few Hollywood celebrities in the venture. Would you care to name them?

Well, it was the first oil investment for actor Mike Mazurki. Big Mike is a professional "heavy" in the movies and he appears on many television shows. Another partner in the oil wells is George Raft, the Hollywood movie star.

Does John Shaw plan to drill more wells with your psychic dowsing?

We have almost forty wells already spotted. I've flown out to Texas several times to spot these new wells. It really drains me of energy to spot a well. Fortunately, I am able to pin-point them right down to the exact spot where they should be drilled. I am also given the exact depth that oil will be struck. John says this saves a considerable amount of money and time in getting geological reports and things like that.

Would you spot a few wells for me?

John Shaw may look like an old country boy but he didn't get to be a millionaire by sleeping at the job. I signed an exclusive contract to spot oil and minerals for John. The news of the various strikes in Texas really created a controversy in the oil industry. John has had several major oil companies come around and try to buy my contract. They want old Doc to locate a few wells for them. Of course, I do this for John, but I don't know if I would do it for an oil corporation. They probably have enough money as it is. I don't mind helping the little fellow or someone who is down on their luck.

Can you predict the fluctuations of the stock market?

I have several financiers who come to Rossville each year to obtain a reading on the future economics of the country. I prefer to know these people through a reading. I like to relate their personal destiny to some sort of business or the stock market. A personal reading is the best way to obtain a clear picture of their hopes, desires, and future. I use this psychic gift very cautiously when it comes to money-making ventures. I don't believe that my gift should be used simply to predict the turn of a card, the roll of the dice, or the ups and downs of the stock market. Both physically and personally I prefer to develop a long range investment program.

Can you predict your own future or use your gift to help your own fortunes?

It has not been given for me to know my own future. I believe it would be a very dull world if we knew what lay ahead. I like to have the adventure of not knowing too much about my own destiny. I have enough investments to give me a comfortable return and I also own property in the South. I bought up land around the cities shortly after World War II. You didn't have to be a psychic to know that land values in those areas would rise.

Do you still feel that land is a good investment?

The world is a very turbulent place with certain momentous events in our future. The continuing growth of population indicates that some land, not all, will increase in value with the passing years. Never, never, buy land from one of those high-powered promotional companies who sell lots in Florida, Arizona, or Nevada. Never, never, buy land by mail. Always visit any property you plan to purchase. Don't buy land for a fast profit.

What kind of land do you believe in?

Warren, buddy, I think you or any smart person should buy a small acreage not too far from the city. Buy a small place that can be turned into a home and garden acreage in the event of a bad recession or—God forbid!—another depression. You may never need the place; if you do need it, such a place may save your life. Deal with a reputable real estate firm in the area where you want to purchase property. A little acreage is a nice way to hedge your bets against the economy.

Do you see a depression for the United States?

I believe the time will come when this country will have to pay for irresponsibility in money matters. However, a devaluation of the dollar will occur before this. Devaluation is a sign that everyone should prepare for the plunge downward. Watch for those signs of a depression after a devaluation. Of course, there is still time for man to change the course of destiny.

Leaving the economy, would you tell of your work in reincarnation?

I became interested in reincarnation many years ago. My first contact with this theory of multiple lives and karmic influences was in the Orient. As a young man, I traveled around the world in an effort to discover the true meaning of my psychic powers. I wandered through India and spent a considerable amount of time with the wise men there. After that, I heard of Tibet and I became interested in the mysteries that were said to be hidden in the old monasteries there. As a psychic person, I was greeted warmly by the monks and initiated into the forbidden or secret doctrines. I was also allowed to look at some of

the world's oldest records and books. There is one monastery far up in the Himalayan mountains that contains artifacts and records that are possibly the oldest man-made things on earth.

It was during these trips that I became interested in the idea of reincarnation, which is accepted by virtually everyone in Asia.

I have studied the karmic patterns of hundreds of people during the past thirty years. I have done many life readings by entering the trance state. In order to check the accuracy of these readings, some of my early subjects were placed in a hypnotic trance and regressed back to their other lives. I discovered my life readings were extremely accurate. If a trance produced data on the subject as a soldier in the Civil War, I would check this with a regression. The subject would not be given any information about the trance reading. He would be regressed and, invariably, he would tell of life as a soldier in the Union Army.

There is no question that karmic patterns do influence our present lives in many ways. A young woman came to my studio for counsel some time ago. She was engaged to a dark-haired young man; her future husband was a loving, attentive person with a good future. The young woman loved her fiance. However, as their wedding date drew closer, she became very tense and nervous. She began to have nightmares about being mistreated by her husband. She was becoming so frightened that she considered calling off the wedding.

"I know he is going to kill me," she blurted out in my office.

I went into a trance and developed out a life

reading for her. I also regressed the young lady so she could hear the story through her own words. She had lived in a small English manufacturing town in the 18th century. Her husband during that incarnation was a dark-haired person, a brute of a man who treated her cruelly. She lived a bad life then and the memory of that experience was imbedded in her mind. Not knowing the reason for her fears, she became extremely upset as her wedding approached.

Did she improve by knowing this?

I find that a life reading always helps people to solve the problems of this present life. She was no exception and, knowing this was merely memory from another life, she married her young man. They will live a very happy life.

Do our past lives influence where we live and work in this life?

Warren, buddy, you are a professional writer and a good one. But, in another time you may have been a free lance knight who hired out to the highest bidder. Or, you may have been a scout who free lanced by leading wagon trains westward during the pioneer days of our nation. You might have been a gunfighter in another time, another era, because that profession strictly free lanced in the frontier days. Most people with independent spirits have led past lives somewhat similar to their present life style.

What about your spirit guide?

I am not truly conscious of a spirit guide actively directing my work. However, over the years, my assistants and others have reported seeing a tall, long-robed, bearded figure near my body when I am in a trance. It has been revealed to me that this is one of the early Christian martyrs.

John Shaw has visited my office several times and he flew up from Dallas one week-end with some new maps for the oil well venture. While John was here I received a group of people who requested my ESP help to locate a little girl. She had wandered off from her home earlier in the day and a searching party had failed to locate her. The family lived near the Tennessee River, and there was danger of her falling into the stream and drowning. Both the parents and the police were very worried.

I asked that everyone wait in my reception room while I went into a trance. Fortunately, this sleeping state produced the information that led the searchers directly to the young girl. She was united with her family less than an hour after they left my office.

John is a very curious good old boy and he slipped around to the rear of my studio and peeked through one of the windows. I had entered the trance and was lying on my office couch.

John reported that he saw the tall, bearded entity standing near my body like an apparition. John said: "It was more than a ghost, but it sure wasn't something you would reach out and touch."

John became so scared that he ran across the yard and locked himself in his car. He was shaking and trembling when I walked out to the parking lot with the parents of the little girl and the law officers. I didn't have any knowledge of a presence being near me at that time. John's description was of an entity that other people have described.

Doc, do you believe in good and evil spirits?

Buddy, there are more things on this earth than we will ever fully understand or know about. There are non-physical forces of good and evil and, regardless of

how you interpret the phenomena, they work in the world today. During my travels throughout the world I saw many examples of demon possession. Even today, we find that demon possession is nothing new. Sirhan Sirhan may have been a victim. This young man, the assassin of Senator Robert Kennedy, informed his defense attorneys that his mind and body were taken over by the disincarnate spirit of a dead Arab Nationalist. I am told that his attorneys considered the possibility of defending Sirhan on that theory.

We also know that the accused Sharon Tate murderers were people who practiced black magic rites. Throughout the past two decades, we have seen the powerful forces of evil lead people to perform terrible, tragic acts.

Yes, there are evil forces and if you search for them you will find them. The ancients knew well the methods of devils who possessed the minds and bodies of the living. They knew that an evil spirit could control a human being.

I am often called upon these days to practice the art of exorcism and drive a demon spirit from the mind or body of some unfortunate person. In addition to demon possession, I am also psychically aware of what might be called the "Aura of evil," which can enfold a human being. When this deadly aura strikes, the poor person is usually dogged with bad luck, misfortune, and everything they touch turns to dust.

Such things as possession occur as often today as they did in ancient times. We just give the phenomena a different name. Someone who is possessed today may be considered to be a psychiatric case. He may be given treatment by a psychiatrist—the "shrinks" as the kids call them—and some of these

poor people are even placed in mental institutions. They may simply be the victims of an evil entity.

Friend, there are many good forces at work in the world of the occult. Humanity has continued to believe in the masters, a higher power, and God. Unfortunately, we have neglected to believe in the devil and his power has multiplied while we have forgotten to watch him.

There have been numerous predictions about an earthquake in California. What do you predict for that region?

Buddy, I have had a vision of a very hard earthquake striking California. However, this vision also revealed that there are volcanic forces building up off the coast of California, beneath the sea. The start of volcanic activity not too far out at sea is the signal that there will be subterranean disturbances that will cause an earthquake along the fault line in California.

However, I have to say now that while this will be a very forceful earthquake, I do not at this time foresee the entire state sinking into the ocean.

What other predictions will you make at this time?

The present automobile engine as we know it will pass into history. This will come sooner than many people expect.

Business and industry will be faced with militant consumers in the future. Many ways of doing business will have to be changed and the customer will truly be right.

I predict that we will see a Federal Production Tax become a reality in this decade. This new scheme of taxation will herald a new era of tax relief for the average individual. A tax will be placed on materials and products as they are manufactured. This will

come because the automation of factories will create production without workers. Or, at the most, very few workers.

I predict that new information will be revealed on the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, and Senator Robert Kennedy. Some of this new evidence will be extremely shocking.

I also predict that the rate of change and progress in our country is going to be absolutely fantastic in the next ten years. The average individual will be almost overpowered by a feeling of rootlessness in our society. We will see vast changes in many of our cherished institutions and many of these changes are long overdue.

I have a Godly vision that the day will come when new inventions may be placed on a quota basis. Simply because we can build a larger, more powerful airplane does not mean that our national environment can stand that new airliner. The advances of technology may have to wait for three, five, sometimes ten years, in this time of the future.

I have foreseen that while drugs will continue to be a problem, there will be a decrease in the number of people who will use them. Today, at this very minute, the use of hard drugs is decreasing.

I have envisioned that biology is the new "physics of the future." While methods of creating artificial life are available now in our laboratories, we will discover that our scientists are cautious. They will not proceed blindly; they are aware of the frightening problems of creating artificial life in the test tube.

The problem of pollution will eventually be solved.

What do you foresee for militant groups within our society?

Son, things will get a lot worse before they start to improve. Vigilante protective groups will be needed to patrol the streets in many of our cities and towns. It will be necessary to guard our homes, our neighborhoods, our schools, and public buildings from militant professional revolutionaries and criminal elements.

Do you see continued high interest rates for money?

Do you think they will come down, Warren? I see higher interest rates continuing until the devaluation, son, and it will be several years before the rates drop down again. There will be some fluctuation but it won't be a major downward trend.

How did you obtain your early visions of the assassinations of the Kennedys and Dr. King?

I call these an involuntary vision because I have not requested the information from the All-Knowing source. I often sit in my studio and watch the evening news on television. The image of a famous person may appear on the screen and, at that instant and without warning, I will be given the future of that individual. This is what occurred in the visions of the assassinations. I tried to warn both of the Kennedys and Dr. King. However, it is very difficult to change the course of great events.

Do you have any idea as to the source of your psychical powers?

Warren, I have been looking at you during this talk and certain images of your future have manifested themselves in my mind. When I shake hands or meet a person, my mind is flooded with impressions of their past, present, and future. I consider this to be given to me by God, a higher power, Our Creator. This is a

gift and I am simply the channel for His works in the world. I do not feel that old Doc Anderson is anything special. If God chose tomorrow to take away my gift of prophesy, then I would simply be another old country boy. I am able to perform as He allows me to act out His wishes.

Can you turn your psychical powers on and off?

Many people feel that a psychic cannot do this. I have developed the ability to do it because I like to enjoy life. I simply couldn't be psychic all of the time. My wife and I might go out to dinner with a few friends and, when I walked into a restaurant, my mind would be overwhelmed by impressions from all of the other diners. I would not be able to sleep in a motel or hotels because of impressions that flood in from the other guests. A psychic needs rest and relaxation just as you do.

Do you find there are certain rituals or certain places where you work best?

I work best in my ESP studio. I find my powers are at their highest in my office. Each morning, I read a chapter in the Bible and meditate before entering into my schedule of meeting my guests.

How could a person receive your assistance?

I have helped thousands of people from all over the world, but I must see people in my office at 302 Gordon Avenue in Rossville, Georgia. This is a suburb of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and we use the Chattanooga stations and airport. The need for my work has increased and I am in my office seven days a week from nine in the morning until 10 p.m. Except for my faith healing through prayer and meditation, my work requires personal contact with my clients. I never set an exact price of something until I know the

amount of time involved in helping a person. My fees are very reasonable and none of my work has ever required more than $40. Most of it runs considerably less, usually around $10.

You're getting to the time when many people think of retirement. Have you considered this?

Son, I am working longer and harder than ever before in my life. I will help people as long as they need me. I don't think old Doc Anderson was ever destined to sit out on his front porch in a rocking chair.

Chapter Three

BERTIE MARIE CATCHINGS

Bertie Marie Catchings, 6911 Rufus Street, Austin, Texas, has compiled an impressive record for prophetic accuracy in the past few years. A newcomer to the psychic scene, Mrs. Catchings is proving to be a top contender for the psychic championship. As a "psychic person," she delivered 50 of her predictions for 1970 to the editors of the *Austin Sunday American Statesman* newspaper. The list was delivered on December 22, 1969, and was subsequently published in a year-end edition. By June, 1970, Mrs. Catchings had seen thirty-two of her predictions prove true. Since then, many more of her predictions on the list have accurately "hit" world events.

"There were several other predictions that were not so exact, but were so close that even a cynic would give Mrs. Catchings the benefit of the doubt," the newspaper stated.

As an example of her prophetic insight, Mrs. Catchings has forecast that an Austin fisherman

would drown in that city's Town Lake. That happened on February 9. She also foresaw the stock market decline, New York prison riots, power blackout, troubles for China's Mao-tse-tung and other events.

Prediction number forty-four on the list was also quite accurate. "Airplanes will be hijacked and one will be taken to Arabia," Mrs. Catchings declared. As we know, world attention was focused on the middle eastern desert when several airliners were hijacked by Palestinian guerillas.

Mrs. Catchings was born on May 5, 1927, in the little community of Harmony, Texas. Her parents met a tragic death when she was eighteen months old and Bertie Marie Cotton was raised by her grandparents.

Mrs. Catchings works for the state comptroller of Public Accounts at the Texas State Capitol and her reputation as a psychic started among her fellow workers. "A co-worker said that if her future was no brighter than her past, she didn't see any reason in living," Mrs. Catchings recalled. "I knew that God would help me to aid this despondent woman. I saw in her palm that her future was going to be very wonderful and the predictions have since become true."

In December, 1968, Mrs. Catchings appeared on the *Women's World* television show hosted by Carolyn Jackson. "I presented Carolyn with envelopes containing 116 predictions," Mrs. Catchings related. "When these were opened later in the year there were ninety accurate predictions."

Her prediction that Texas would defeat Tennessee in a New Year's Day football game was the first forecast to prove true. She also foresaw accurately

that the U.S. would be successful in landing on the moon and that two or three men would be on the mission.

Could you tell us how you obtain your predictions?

Psychic impressions begin when I look into a client's palm. I usually give palm readings and psychic impressions. As I study the lines for characteristic traits and give general information about the lines I begin to tune in and many of my "psychic senses" begin to operate. Sometimes several of the senses give information at the same time. I am very busy giving the information which is taken down in writing or recorded by the client, or the client's friend, who must write very fast if the information is taken in writing. I do not pretend to interpret the information and would rather not be interrupted until I have finished.

Then, I will ask the client if the information has meaning to him. If it does, then the information is usually something that has happened in the past or the present. If the reading has no meaning, then it is something that will happen in the future, say within three years, but usually, within a few days, weeks, or months. I do not know about time for sure except in some instances when something is very clear.

The information comes so fast, usually, that it may be like watching six different TV programs at one time, and listening to a conversation of several people, and traveling on a fast train where you see, hear, taste and smell the many different things along the road as the train whizzes through the country.

So, you see what difficulty is present to me, a medium, to give all the information that comes in the various true perspective.

There are many psychic senses. I learn about new ones now and then. For some, there is no vocabulary to describe them. I am familiar with sight, sound, odor, touch, taste, thought communication, aura lights around the person, vapor waves above the palm and the body, cloud formations above the palm and on the palm and sometimes any place on the body. Or, symbols on the walls or floor that form letters or words or images. The images are sometimes very still or they are moving very fast. It is like a game between the images and me to see if I can guess what the clues mean. Sometimes the images are something that would have a meaning to me. If so, a voice or thought communication alerts me to give an interpretation rather than say exactly what I see. However, sometimes these assistants don't always get through to me or I'm not sure and then I don't know if I should say what it means to me or what I have seen.

This is one reason that I like the client to go over the notes and ask questions. If I can remember the image I will give both interpretations and maybe the client can figure out what it means. Sometimes soft, spirit lights appear in the room near or behind the client. The spirits receive priority attention and the other channels of information fade out until the spirits are able to be identified by some clue. The other night, an orchid light formed the shape of a short woman and the smoke formed a large white letter "S" on the light. The client identified the spirit as her mother, Susie, who had passed away.

One night a lady came into the room and seemed so hostile that I started to tell her that she could go home because I didn't feel like giving a reading. I have never done that to a client but there have been

times when I am tempted. But the challenge is always there as long as I have energy. Sometimes the readings are so exhausting that I have to limit the readings or not give any for a while in order to regain my energies for readings. This woman started off by saying, "Now, I don't want to hear all that junk that readers usually give. I have given readings myself. I read cards and I know what it is all about."

Then I begin to read: "I see a boy." I begin to smell alcohol. "The boy drinks alcohol. No, no! He has something wrong that is like alcoholic problems. The boy has diabetes. I see you giving him shots." Then all of a sudden a clear bottle about 4 feet tall was sitting on my table and the odor of alcohol was so strong that my throat was on fire and my eyes were burning and I began to cough. My hands went to my throat for I felt that I was choking on the fumes. "You must be a nurse but you must give shots all the time."

"Yes," the woman said. "I am a nurse and I have a boy who is diabetic and I give him shots."

"I see an old man in blue overalls with white hair who is in a barn. A pitchfork is falling from the hay above him. It has struck his head and his hair has turned blood red. The people are running from the fields. There is a tree with water around it. A woman fainted." Then I stopped.

"I never saw this but this did happen exactly this way to my grandfather," my client said. "My aunt saw it and told me about it many times. She is the person who fainted."

The point I am making, Warren, is that I did not feel friendly vibrations in her presence, yet I was able to give some very clear impressions. One of my friends, who has observed my work, has remarked,

"Bertie, when you really want to, or when you have your back against the wall, you really come through!" This same friend gets a little provoked at me because I do not give her especially good readings. However, when she brings a friend from out of town over for a reading, she will say, "The friend wants a reading at this time and that is all I can tell you because the friend would think I gave you clues." Then when the reading is finished, the client usually turns to my friend and says, "Now really, how much did you tell her about me?" This puts my friend in an awkward situation and she doesn't enjoy the amusement as much as I do.

One night, I did hear a psychic scream about 10:00 o'clock. It was like the death scream of a woman. I was washing dishes when I heard it and cold chills ran all over by body. Who could it be? The thought communication said, "It is a woman close to you who lives alone." Well, needless to say, this really frightened me. I figured out that it was one of two women. It was either my aunt or it was a friend. The telephone rang. My aunt had called for a long friendly chat. By the time the conversation was over I was calmed down and decided that maybe the psychic scream was just my imagination.

The next morning at about 8 o'clock my friend was involved in an automobile accident. She was standing on a street corner when an automobile knocked her off the curb and she did scream once, very loud. I had not warned her before it happened. I felt that my psychic vibrations should have been working better; or, maybe Bertie Catchings should have been more on the ball and have done a better job with the

psychic information given to me. Fortunately, my friend did survive the accident.

During a reading, if I slip into a semi-trance I don't always remember what I have said. If a number, for instance "8" appears in a reading, I know that something is going to happen that will involve an "8." I usually have a feeling as to whether it will be either good or bad, maybe a message, or that someone will come into that person's life. But it is difficult to know more than that except in special occasions. The "8" could be on the 8th, the 18th, the 28th, 8 minutes, days, weeks, months, years. So, it is difficult to pinpoint this information except when the client returns and tells me what happened.

Sometimes I am awakened at night for no apparent reason and a nice voice will talk to me. I am told things that are going to happen or things that I must do. I am used to these things. They don't bother me. Except if there is great trouble. When trouble is on the way, I get ill and feel as if a dark spirit or cloud is hanging over me until the event has happened, is finished and done. Then I am all right again. When I give a reading or sit near a person who has pain, I usually feel the pain myself to some degree. This is the reason that I like to have a living plant near me, flowers, ivy or just wear the color green. I feel that somehow it is protection for me that wards off some of the ill effects of bad vibrations.

Predictions for the press or television are another matter. When I agree to do this I feel conflict within. I know that I will have to be careful and not alarm any person too much; yet, I want to help if a warning is possible. Then I know that I don't always give information right down to the letter. For instance,

among my 1970 predictions I said that the Arabs would hijack a plane. I felt that it would be a country under the Arabs' control when it happened, a situation where there was little that anyone could do about the event. When this happened and the planes the Arabs hijacked were taken into Jordan, right at the border of Arabia, I felt that people would consider that I had not been specific enough.

This is like the incident when I told a client who had a new car, his pride and joy, that within six months he would have a dent in the fender. He sweated out the six months and nothing happened. Then, in the 8th month it happened and he was not really sure if I had seen the event or not when I gave the reading. This doesn't matter to me personally, except that I keep trying to do better in order to give more help to my clients and to those who trust and need me.

At first when I think about the predictions that I am to make, I think that I cannot possibly do this and that I don't want to do it. But my psychic thought communicatee, or the one with the voice, or both, say loud and clear, "Oh, yes you can, and you'd better. Have faith. We will help you."

There seems to be a warm assurance that radiates from them to me that the results will be o.k. When I can't put off the work any longer, I sit in a quiet place, usually in the living room, between midnight and 3 a.m. and the information comes through. I write it down and look over it the next day or two and that is it.

Do you feel the future can be changed? Or, are events inevitable?

Yes, the future can be changed. There is always the

eleventh hour when the God of all destiny steps in and lets you and me know that He is the Master of all Masters and that He is all power.

Would you tell of some of your more interesting readings?

My first reading in my home was on March 19, 1966. This is my mother's birthday and she has been in the spirit world since I was eighteen months old. She seems very close to me during special times; this was one of those occasions. A person who had learned that I had given readings at work during lunch time and coffee breaks, had three friends who were "just dying to meet me and would I read for them at my home right away and they would pay me, of course."

I did not have a good "no" handy so I thought, "Just this once but this is the last time that people are coming into my home for readings. I am just not going to start that." To the person on the telephone, I said, "Well, I guess so. Tell them to come on over." So I had to put on a fresh dress as I had been vigorously cleaning house; I was mopping the floor at the time of the call. I put the mop and bucket in the bathtub and drew the shower curtain and got dressed and wondered what in the world I had gotten myself into and what would I tell those three people. What would my neighbors, my family, my friends, think if they knew that I was about to be a "fortuneteller?" What would my "God" think?

As I began to read for the ladies, I started off by saying that I was not really a psychic and that I wasn't sure that I would see anything at all. I advised them not to take what I told them too seriously.

Then, I read all three palms and I saw the same image in each palm. "I see a tall building. I see a man

running around. He seems to be looking down from the tall building as though he were near a window with a gun. There is a clock. I see blood, lots of blood and dead bodies lying all around. But you won't be hurt. You will be concerned and when you hear of this (I said to the last lady) your hand will touch something sharp."

Then on August 1, 1966, Charles J. Whitman stood on the tower of the University of Texas and shot thirty-three passersby, killing twelve people and an unborn child. The ladies called me and one said, "When I was listening to the radio and heard about the Tower sniper I reached into my purse for my cigarette lighter and my hand touched a paring knife that I had used the day before to peel an apple. At that moment I remembered your reading . . ."

One time I predicted to a lady that she would be entertaining representatives of 5 different countries soon. Although she thought I was crazy at the time, three days later she was told that she would be doing this, and the representatives were from the same countries I had mentioned.

A young lady took notes for an elderly lady and as they were leaving the young lady laughed and said to her elderly friend, "Now that part about you having money hid beneath a rose bush was rather absurd." The older lady whispered, "Don't laugh because before you came to pick me up I buried $400 under a rose bush and when you take me home I will show it to you!" She did.

One client was talking to another of my clients and said, "That woman said that if I looked under my mattress I would be surprised at what I would find. Well, you know there couldn't be anything there except dust, but I am going to look anyway and if there is anything there I will call you." She did call her friend and said, "Guess what I found under my mattress? I found my old red curtains that I have been looking for for five years."

One time I read for a lady who although trying very hard to be polite, told me nothing at all that seemed to be true. Then when she got home from the reading her husband met her at the door and with one hand behind him said, "Guess what I found?" In the reading I had told her, "Someone is going to give you a funny brush." Her husband handed her a dishwashing brush that she had lost and that she had been trying to find for several months.

Also, that lady asked me if I could tell her where some papers were as she needed them in a hurry. "Maybe you will find them in a closet or in the living room near a closet," I said. "You will find them before midnight." About 11 p.m. her husband found the papers in a magazine leaning against a closet in the living room. Later, her husband had a rash on his hands and she was bandaging them up and suddenly remembered her reading. "You will see a man with a rash on his hands. You will see a man with bandaged hands . . ."

Then I told another lady that she was going on a trip and that her ship would be delayed because of a fog. When this happened my client was sitting at the captain's table and said, "Oh, I could have told you about this because Bertie Catchings told me that in a reading."

I was told that the captain said, "Well, if a clairvoyant from Austin, Texas, is going to run my ship, I wish she would give the information direct to me!"

Do you have any thoughts on why you were selected to be a psychic person?

I attribute my ability to be a gift from God. I believe that I was selected for several reasons: (1) Because of prior lifetime experience and cooperation with the power; (2) because my condition of personality and situation caused me to be an attentive subject; (3) because as a child I often prayed that I might please God and that I might be used in His service in whatever way He chose for me. (4) It could be because now, as always, I feel humble and take no credit for my talent except to admit that at times I am an obedient listener who sometimes tunes in. I feel that the Higher Power expects more from me than I have produced. Before this Power I am in awe and know that I am nothing except what the Power gives to me. To others I would suggest to let the Power come to you when it will, but be listening with all your knowledge, your heart and soul, and perhaps you will hear the soft whispers of wisdom and be taught by the great Masters in the ways they feel you will best serve all purposes.

Can you use your ability to help yourself?

My psychic powers have prevented me from many errors and have helped me to gain greater wisdom. The power has saved my life many times. What is wealth without life, except spiritual wealth? Why with my gift am I not wealthy? Because psychic education is best learned when the medium has problems to solve and my life has been filled with problems, many of which I have solved with the aid of my psychic powers. This education has helped me to help others. But, not all wisdom is learned among the

poor. When the Masters are ready for my learning among the wealthy, they will decide my path.

Once when I was about twelve years old I wanted to ride a new horse that was brought to the farm. It was a Spanish roan. The horse started running and I had lost all control of the animal. Then as the horse headed for the barn and stall, I knew that the stall cleared the barn by about four inches. I would be killed if the horse went through the entrance. Suddenly, I grabbed a fist full of mane and one of my arms accidently went over the horse's eyes. (I later learned that a horse will always stop if his eyes are covered, but I did not know that then.) The horse stopped as its head went through the entrance. I slid down to the ground against the side of the barn. God, the Masters, my guardian angel?

Can you predict your own future?

Yes, I know a great deal about my future. Some of it I can tell you about, but some of it is better not told, now. Once, when I was eight years old I dreamed that I would be working in the State Capitol Building of Austin, Texas. I could see myself about forty years old and working with a very kind man with snow white hair. Then April 1, 1961, I started to work for Honorable Robert S. Calvert, Comptroller of Public Accounts.

At first, I did not work in the Capitol for the Comptroller but in another building near the Capitol, then two years later, I started working in the Accounting Division as secretary in the State Capitol Building. The dream was what caused me to apply for a job in the Capitol. I needed a job, and couldn't seem to find one at the time. In fact, I had put my application in at seventy-five different places. Because of the

dream, I put in my application at a couple of places in the Capitol building. This is where I worked until the new State Finance Building was finished this year. My work with these State people has been the most rewarding of my life up to this point. Also, among the State employees in the coffee shop is where I first gained recognition as a psychic person.

When my son was about ten years old he wanted to know what we were having for Thanksgiving dinner. I asked him how would he like to have hamburgers. "Oh, Mother, can't we have turkey or at least chicken?" he asked. I was on my way to the grocery store with less than $2 and no way in the world to get any money from any other source. It was the day before Thanksgiving.

On the way to the store as I walked along, I whispered, "Please God, if there is any way for us to have chicken tomorrow, please make it possible." When I opened my eyes from my communication with The Great Master, my eyes rested on a new crisp $10 bill in front of me by the side of the road.

Once, in Dallas, Texas I was working on my first job, and staying with relatives temporarily, as they were very crowded. I had to have a place to live or go back to the farm. I had looked everywhere for a place to live, but during World War II there were "No Vacancy" signs everywhere. Finally, a psychic voice said, as I was taking the bus home after a day of work, "Get off this bus if you want to find a place to live and catch the next bus home." So I got off and felt very foolish looking around at all the "no vacancy" signs and standing there with blisters on my feet waiting twenty minutes for the next bus to come along. When I got on the next bus and took the last

seat available in the "going home after work rush," I felt very discouraged.

Then, an elderly lady got on the bus and none of the men would get up and offer her a seat. I gave her mine. And as I stood there tears fell from my eyes for I felt very sorry for myself, a country girl in a big city with no place to live. The elderly lady tugged at my dress and insisted that I sit down beside her because someone beside her had gotten off the bus. She talked to me and soon had my story. Her sister had a little house for rent. It was a prefab house on the back of her lot and I was able to live there for $5 per week. This became my home for many months and it was also my honeymoon house when my husband and I got married in Dallas on July 19, 1945.

Money? Well, sometimes on "1" or "11" I seem to win small amounts under $10 when I gamble. I have won a few things that I needed like dishes, paint, and dog food, etc.

Did your psychic power suddenly manifest or grow gradually within you?

I was very young when I first discovered my powers. It did not all come at once. A person usually grows toward higher advancements. My psychic world has never been frightening. It is the one place where I can go when earthly things are frightening. I was introduced to it in a nice way that was most pleasing. My relatives didn't know very much about my activities as my two guardian angels warned me against discussing these things with earth flesh people.

Anyway, when I was growing up, children had great respect for their elders and they spoke only when spoken to. When I became too forward with

suggestions I was corrected. I did not get to use my psychic information for their benefit very often. My relatives always thought that I had a vivid imagination and anything that seemed "way out" was considered to be my imagination. My grandmother, however, would listen to my experiences whenever I told her about them.

During the last fifteen years I have been able to convince some of my relatives. One evening my husband wanted to go to the lake fishing. I said, "Don't go or you will get a fishhook in your head." He went anyway and when he returned later that night he showed me the spot in the top of his head where a fishhook had been removed.

Does a psychic person have more problems in life than a person not gifted with ESP?

Sometimes I can slip into a crowd unnoticed, but often there are people who instantly stretch out their palms with questions like, "Tell me what I am fixing to do? Will I get any money soon?" If these people were not so serious I would be amused at their attitude.

They think that I am a constant available faucet of knowledge and that all I have to do is open my mouth and the right answers pop out. There is a lot more to it than that. It takes effort, energy, and some concentration. If I tried to tune in on all the questions tossed at me, I would have trouble walking from one side of the room to another. I am human and have human problems of my own which I must take care of before I am able to take care of trivial things. There are some things that people are not supposed to know. But when they come to me at the proper time and place, then I am always happy to work with

them. At parties when I do entertaining I have set aside that time and I have conditioned myself for that purpose. But, when I am on the way to the grocery store, or to pick up a relative at the bus station, I don't have the proper frame of mind to suddenly stop every thought that is in my mind and concentrate on psychic information.

Can you turn your ESP ability on and off at will?

I try not to abuse my ESP. The degree of need determines the results. When I have a problem that needs solving, I try to consider all things. Is this problem necessary for spiritual growth? I also use mental telepathy. If I have more people coming to see me than I can handle, I send out messages which delay them from coming or have them not come at all. They usually call me and apologize, and I know that it really isn't their fault at all. If I need something at a given time, it usually shows up. But sometimes I think I need something when I really don't. I don't feel that you want a 100 page answer and that might happen if I get going. So I will say this: when I am in danger, when I have great need, there are Powers that take care of me without my asking. Sometimes they tell me about things when I call on them, sometimes they work out things for me without letting me know what is going on. Through prayer I find out a lot of good information.

Do people or things affect your power of ESP?

Some people drain my psychic energies; others increase these energies. Lively flowers, green plants, soft light, and comfortable circumstances are helpful. I give my best work before eating. It is best that I don't drink coffee or tea. It is all right for me to have fruit juices or water before I work.

Some psychics pick up the more spectacular glimpses of the future, like disasters and earthquakes. Do you get these kinds of impressions?

When I am giving a reading for a client I sometimes pick up information about another person in the room, the building, or around the world. Now about disasters; I think that the psychic person attracts some things better than others. We are specialists in our particular areas. In the past I have tried to stay away from this information and I only tried to attract the positive things. But when I am tuned in and the channels of communication are wide open, a disaster message is going out to the psychics who attract them. If I happen to be tuned in, I am going to pick up this information whether or not I ask for it.

It isn't easy for me to turn off my psychic power and it is not easy to keep it off. Things slip in that I don't really want to know. There has to be a balance in all things and there are times when I need to rest. Of course, the spectacular elements of the future do cast intense rays and when there is disturbance in the weather, some of the strangest information is picked up.

Do you have guides who assist you?

I have several Master Guides, but I do not have permission to give their names. However, Mary, my guardian angel, has been with me so long and I often speak of her to others and she has not objected.

Do you have a belief in reincarnation?

Yes, I believe in reincarnation. Warren, I could get involved in a long discussion on the subject of reincarnation, so I try to make it brief unless you want a lot of information from me. When the flesh is dead, the soul is free and becomes more alive than in flesh.

The spirit is often near a loved one, especially when it escapes from its body through a sudden death of the body. The spirit wishes to communicate with loved ones and let them know that they ARE alive and that they ARE well off.

They feel surprised and elated when they find out what has happened. They usually have so many friends over there, not only from this life, but also from previous lives that it is quite a reunion, quite a wonderful occasion, especially if the trip to earth and flesh has been a worthy one. When we ask to be born, we come here with missions and if we don't try to accomplish them, then we don't have much to report or brag about up there. This is why suicide is so bad because the spirit doesn't receive the great joy in the other world.

Flesh life to them is like a person going on a trip and when they get back they can tell about their adventures. If they have done many bad things or committed suicide then they don't have an interesting report. In a way, it is like going fishing and catching no fish. Or telling people you are going fishing and then not doing what you said you were going to do. They have some pretty high standards on the other side and some strict rules. Many souls are given work assignments on the other side. In a sense, the job on the other side is a bigger business than running earth.

The law of compensation is Karma. For each sorrow or pain we cause another we must pay in a lifetime when lessons of understanding for soul growth will be most impressive. Also, the Karmic law provides credits and a person may be the recipient of many nice compensations. At birth, when the infant breathes its first Breath of Life, becoming a conscious

being, then the soul or mystical birth occurs. A soul who may have considered to occupy a rejected body (through abortion) would later select another body if it desired to be born.

Sometimes a soul will change its mind at the last moment. If another eager soul isn't standing by, the child will be an unexplained stillborn. A good reason for the 9 month period besides the natural obvious ones is for the souls to decide which one will take over the body. If a soul absolutely needed to be born and it was the will of God, then that soul would be born regardless of pills.

Causing a child not to be born through various methods doesn't register a great deal of importance to the souls not born. There are times when it might register importance to the earth flesh soul in another lifetime. For instance, they might not have as many children in another lifetime as souls may remember that they were not especially welcome before. Oh, Warren this is too involved to go into now. The soul is immortal. At so-called death or transition the soul is born into another plane, a spiritual plane.

Have you had some unusual personal experiences because of being a psychic?

Some of my trips into the Astral Plane are grand experiences. The times when my life was saved through psychic aids are impressive to me. The times I have talked with spirits ... some, especially the early experiences deserve worthy mention but are all things that must be told at great length. Once, I was warned that a little boy was going to fall overboard from a boat and I was able to prevent the accident, which was a grand experience.

What is unusual to me is something that happens new or that I don't fully understand.

I will tell you one I have not completely figured out. One night I had a dream in which I was talking to an Indian man. As he stood before me he remarked, "Who ever heard of an Indian with white hair?" I did not understand the dream. The next night a young man came for a reading. Suddenly, I had an urge to tell him about it and ended by asking, "Does this mean anything to you?"

The young man thought for a minute. He answered, "Oh, yes, I know what it means. My grandfather is a descendant of Quannah and Cynthia Parker. He had platinum blond hair and people often remarked that it was most unusual for a person part Indian to have blond hair."

Why do psychics miss on some predictions?

When predictions miss there are several good reasons. Sometimes the predictions were made in haste, sometimes the psychic wasn't conditioned for making predictions. Sometimes TIME is off and it will happen later. Sometimes the psychic who is asked to give world predictions is one who does better with personal predictions. I am sure that there must be psychics who pick up world information far better than I do. And we don't know everything or even as much as we should. We often pick up information on subjects not related to a project because extra information comes through. A non-psychic just wouldn't understand what has happened anyway.

Do you give readings for people who seek psychic counsel? Do you charge a fee?

I do make a charge for readings for those who are in my area. This work has helped me to gain informa-

tion about my abilities. The fee has prevented a number of people from coming just for kicks. It is low enough that anyone could afford my services. I usually charge $5 for 20 minutes of my time. I don't want to read in my home to large numbers of people.

What is the cause of many people's problems?

In counseling, there are as many different problems as there are people. Many people are interested in what is going to happen to them personally. Some need help solving problems. Others are interested in what is going to happen to a loved one and how to handle situations to help them. Some are just interested in finding out what I have to say. The biggest problem in the world today among people is lack of communication; communication with self, knowing what the self wants, can do, and should have. Plus, there is communication with other people; communication with nations; communication with the spirits; and communication with The Power, or communication with God.

Do you use certain things to gain impressions?

I use a crystal ball sometimes but the brightness hurts my eyes. I use the palm most effectively. I do not use cards or horoscopes but feel that these people know what they are doing.

Do you foresee a continued interest in the psychic and the occult?

Within 25 years we will be teaching the psychic way of life to most people. We must learn much more to teach better. It is always best to learn and to teach what is good.

Do you have advice for people studying the occult?

Experiment in fun, be careful about getting too

serious unless you know your way around. Demonical entities are dangerous.

Do you have the power to heal?

The power of healing is not my field.

Why is there such increased interest in the occult by people everywhere?

The new acceptance of the psychic world is a desire for finer communication, better understanding, and knowledge. People are looking for something to believe in and they have a great need to know a higher power is in control.

Can you give us a few subjects of concern in the future?

The psychic world informs me that a person's country and government is a person's dignity the same as his home is a place of respect. We must respect our country, our government, and work to make it better. Do not shame your country no matter who you are. Peace is not found in war, although it sometimes seems a necessary thing. However, war is not necessary. There are better ways to settle a national difference.

I'll list a few things we must be concerned about:

1. There will be a shortage of food, so there should be a supply on hand for an extended period.

2. There will be many natural disasters, worse than the world could accept knowing in advance. So be ready for them with all kinds of aid. We will need vast quantities of construction supplies, medical supplies. We will need trained people in communications and people who can work with the mentally disturbed.

3. Family life as we know it will change. Children

will spend more time in educational institutions full time.

4. Within the next ten years there will be many revolutions within many countries around the world.

5. People need to understand what is important for their life on earth and the effects this will have on their spiritual growth.

6. Pollution of mind, earth, body and space is a problem.

7. Population control is a problem.

8. Conservation of resources is important.

9. Better plans for caring for our young children and our elderly is very important.

10. Getting along with other people is an area of prime concern.

Do you have some new predictions for the future?

1. More objects from space will crash to earth, bringing destruction and death. Space will continue to be an important project. One day, man will find other planets where earth life can be reproduced.

2. Home life as we know it will change. People who do not want children, or care for them, will find laws that protect children.

3. Two airplanes will crash in mid air in the near future.

4. The Eiffel Tower will fall or come down.

5. There will be a sniper who will kill or try to kill many people. This will be in several large cities. I am not sure where but I feel that Detroit is one, an Eastern city and one in the West. There will be great trouble in San Antonio, Texas, of a violent nature soon. This could involve a "drug" situation.

6. More earthquakes, big ones soon, again in Turkey, and again in Peru and Chile. There is something

brewing in or near Costa Rica. Something coming from the U.S. and Canada, a big quake, which will effect the California and New York coast lines also.

7. Hurricanes will blast into the U.S. coastal areas within the near future. They will hit the islands of the Caribbean, Cardigan Bay, and Cape Verde.

8. Food poisoning will be in the news.

9. President Nixon may be in some physical danger between October 28 and December 12, 1970.

10. Bob Hope will win an Oscar.

11. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota will win in the Senate race.

12. There will be great unrest in the country of Chile, both political and acts of nature such as earthquake, great water damage through a dam breaking, or through great flooding.

13. The present Lt. Governor of Texas, Ben Barnes, will one day become vice-president of the U.S. This should happen within 10 years. Also, he will become president of the U.S. There will be adverse vibrations in the nation at that time which indicates that the President before Barnes will die while in office, possibly through assassination. Vice-president Barnes will finish the presidential term and be elected again.

14. Montreal, Quebec, Canada will be the scene of great unrest in or near 1971 with fire, riots, and explosions of both airplanes and ships. An airplane near that city could be hijacked.

15. Danilo Dolci will be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

16. A U.S. moon trip will meet with serious disaster before reaching the moon and again before reaching the earth in February, 1971. The lift-off is scheduled for January 31st at 2:23 p.m. CST. I feel there will be

delays and lift-off time will be later, possibly two hours, or a day or two.

17. A famous movie star will be robbed of jewelry—or at least a notable attempt will be made in 1971. The thief may be a woman or aided by a woman. The victim is a beautiful woman, and the letters "T" and "B" are involved.

18. I see a great fire in New York City involving a very tall building.

19. There is also a fire somewhere in the East at a place where elderly people live. The lives of many elderly people will be saved if they are alerted not to panic in case of fire.

20. A tall building in the northeast will tumble to the ground before it is completed or within one year after completion.

21. Something about the name "Victor" shows up somewhere. It could involve a man who has committed a serious crime involving murder.

22. There will be several new song hits involving "red-white-and-blue," "America" and "The Wonderful" and something about "Miracles."

23. Johnny Carson will be surprised when he finds an animal on the back seat of his new automobile.

24. Jim Nabors will have a very high honor within the next eighteen months. I see him going to Europe.

25. Johnny Cash will make a trip south of the border and about that time will create a new song hit that has something to do about Mexicans or Mexico, or some Latin country.

How can someone get in touch with you?

If the need to get in contact with me is great enough you can find me at my home by writing a letter to 6911 Rufus, Austin, Texas 78752. I do not

counsel people by telephone. I have counseled people by mail for a fee of $5 per letter, but I had rather not.

Do you feel that all psychics are "tuned in" to the same source of knowledge?

There are many channels of information for the psychic. Just as there are many radio, television, and ham radio stations giving out information. If you understand frequency waves, you can understand how sometimes a psychic may pick up almost anything.

When the Source wishes to give information to the earth, a great number of psychics will be contacted by their various agents so that at least a few psychics can warn the people of future disasters. Non-believers are not going to pay any attention to the warnings that the psychics give out, but the believers and the psychic need to know things for their own protection. We all work together, you know, or at least we try to. It is not meant that one psychic knows all because then we would not need each other.

For instance, if I had been working very hard, using my psychic ability to help a client, I may not have enough energy to tune in on a disaster message. Another psychic will pick it up and give me the information either by natural means, psychic means, or through the press and TV. We need to stay alive in our earthly flesh body until the Great Power decides that our work is finished. For that reason, the psychics are warned by the Source. If you are psychic and tune in on the Source you know where it is and if you are not a thousand pages would not be able to give you a picture. However, if you tap the cosmic, you will find that it is not a place but a state or condition of order and regulation.

Are you able to locate lost objects through ESP?

Yes. Several times people have asked me about their children who had run away from home. Several times I was able to tell where they had been. Usually, the children came home without parents going to find them. I have helped find a number of lost things.

One time a woman called me on the telephone after seeing one of the television programs and said she had lost the stone out of her engagement ring. I told her that it was not lost but that it would be found in a dark place and gave her a procedure by which to find the diamond. She called me one day to say that she had found it in the vacuum cleaner. But it is interesting to note that before she had called me she had checked the vacuum cleaner several times before discarding the contents and had thought that there would be no need to do this again, but that "once more" brought results. I have a number of cases of this type.

What about buried treasure? Or, could you help me find a lost gold mine?

I don't know but it would be interesting to find out.

Do you believe in the masters?

The Benevolent Brotherhood of Masters are not earthly Masters but are Cosmic Masters who personally instruct a psychic student who is truly prepared and found worthy of these instructions. They are a Holy Assembly. Some work on the Cosmic Plane. Some are on the Earth Plane working on psychic assignments. Divine illumination can not be properly described with earthly vocabulary.

Can you project yourself out of body in astral projection?

Astral projection is one of my favorite subjects. I usually do not travel alone and do not seek this

travel unless an invitation is extended by someone in the spirit world who is familiar with the traveling conditions and other matters. To go alone would possibly be dangerous as there are so many spirits floating around these days who are on "drug trips" or have been attracted toward the earth's plane. It would take a great deal of time to discuss this with justice.

I will tell you about my first experience because it was the beginning. It happened that day long ago when I was a child playing in my grandmother's garden after a summer shower when a rainbow touched the ground and bathed my body. My grandmother was working among her flowers in this garden. She had been praying, which she often did in her flower garden. I thought I saw a shadow or someone standing behind her, just before the rainbow came. Then my attention was attracted in another direction.

Two angels appeared out of the rainbow. They were dressed in white garments. One of them was named Mary, whom I was told would be my personal guardian angel in the future. When they started to go back into the rainbow, I wanted to go with them. I reached out toward them, calling and asking to go with them. They came back and each took one of my hands and helped me to get out of my body. The sensation was something like removing clothes, only I felt very light and seemed to float a few inches off the ground with the slightest effort.

They each had a piece of material, like a scarf which they draped around me and tied with a silver cord. Then, they took my hands and we went into the rainbow and upward as though in a path of light. We

came to a place so cool and refreshing, an emerald sea, with a shore of sparkling sand. Then on, upward, toward the light until we reached a crystal cathedral with round doors and many beautiful steps.

There were others around the cathedral, both young and old, and men and women in bright robes of red, blues, and gold. Then I saw Him, the shadow in the garden. Only his robe was bright red and his face was like a great light. He lifted his arm and pointed a long finger at me and said, "Let no harm come to this child lest you know my wrath." Then his arm made a sweeping motion that seemed to take in the whole Universe. His voice was like the sound of many waters, the roaring of an ocean, but I felt peace, calm, and greatly protected. Then the angels took me by the hands and we went back into the light and were soon in my grandmother's garden. They helped me get back into my heavy body. Their scarves were waving as they floated upward and out of sight.

The rainbow was gone. The angels were flying away and nothing was left but the faint tinkling of bells that too soon blended into silence. After that experience, I kept hoping the angels would come back and I jumped around in the flower garden trying to get out of my body for many days after that. It was a long time before I learned how it was done. But I have been back to the cathedral many times. I usually wait for an invitation. Recently, while there I was given a large golden cross which was covered with scarlet roses. A warm light came from the cross and engulfed a great area with its splendor. The cross was very light and it was alive.

Do you have a prediction on California and the earthquake?

There will be a gradual breakup until California is an island. Then, at a time when the army and navy are on the island with 40 million people, they will all be killed. When? I do not know. This is the part of the puzzle that was given to me. The other psychics will have to place their part of the puzzle with mine. Perhaps together we will learn the answer.

Do you have a prediction concerning the U.S. Government?

The U.S. fiscal budget for 1971 will be in the red about $14 billion and for the fiscal year 1972 about $25 billion deficit.

How would you describe your life and yourself?

Between 8 and 5 o'clock during the day I work in the new State Finance Building. I am on the fifth floor in an area known as Central Files. I do technical work. Here I have a panoramic view of Austin as there are windows on two sides of the building, and the office where I work occupies the whole fifth floor of this granite building.

My neighborhood in the north part of Austin is in a semi-modern neighborhood with modest homes. My home has very modest furniture and my kitchen faces Rufus Drive so that when I wash dishes I can glance across the street and see what my nice neighbors are doing in their yards.

My appearance is that of an average State employee who dresses conservatively. I am 43 years old, five feet seven inches tall. My hair is light brown, my eyes hazel. Some say that I am a friendly person. They say that my eyes look psychic in expression. I get along well with people in all walks of life. I like people and

am interested in whatever is interesting to them. I have several hobbies. Right now I am making flowers out of cloth and paper. They are every color of the rainbow. I have a green chair that I sit in when I visit with my relatives and friends. I usually pick up a flower part and put it together while talking and thinking. I sit in this chair sometimes between midnight and 3 a.m. when I have a problem or need to do some serious thinking. That is my time alone.

What do you do for relaxation?

During my off hours when I am not working for the State or doing psychic work, I like to be with my family. I enjoy good conversation about almost any subject. I enjoy being with people who are psychic or who are interested in psychic things. I like to walk in the country or along the sea shore. I like to see people be happy. I enjoy good food and nice restaurants. My housework keeps me busy when people are not around and the telephone is not ringing. My grandmother used to tell me that busy people stayed out of trouble, so I try to keep busy.

Chapter Four

JOSEPH DONNELLY

Joseph Donnelly, a spiritualist seer and healer, lives at Grayce's Mobile Home Estates at 208 Clara Street, Sebring, Florida. He retired as a New York City Certified Public Accountant and moved to Florida in 1963. Donnelly's own psychic talents first developed in 1917 and "prior to that time I had witnessed intermittent phenomena," he reported.

As he earned a living as a C.P.A., Donnelly studied the various religions of the world, developed breath control, and investigated hypnotism, breath control, and other areas of occult, or New Age, subjects.

"I've known and have sat with hundreds of mediums," Donnelly related. "I have experienced much of the phenomena. I have experienced materialization, trances, trance control, and the control of my vocal cords by spirit voices without a trance."

Mr. Donnelly recorded many of his experiences in *Diary of a Psychic.* The book is available from Mr. Donnelly for $2.50 per copy. "The stock is almost

exhausted as most of the copies have been sold at Camp Silver Belle, in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, where my son, William, is a featured medium," he said. The spiritualist camp is open from June to September of each year.

Mr. Donnelly reported that his spirit teachers were of many races, cultures, and religious faiths. He has never been a professional medium.

Why didn't you become a professional medium?

It has always been a hobby with me. However, after my book, *Diary of a Psychic,* was published in 1966 I did give public lectures at the Aquarian Research Center at Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, Florida. My subjects were spiritualism and Unidentified Flying Objects. I have been psychic since I was a child. However, I was warned by my spirit teachers that I was not to use my talent for public work. I was told to enter another profession for livelihood and I became a Certified Public Accountant.

At the lectures I gave a demonstration of thermal electric magnetic healing, treating about forty people at each lecture. This same healing process can be accomplished at a distance under a procedure outlined by me to the individual. I have helped many people anonymously and without charge. I also have quite a number of people on my healing list and they receive daily prayers. When they are cured, or no longer keep in touch with me, I remove their names from the list.

How do you receive your psychic impressions?

There is no regular method. It can be spontaneous, like a passing thought, or I can sit in meditation and receive information with a definite subject. If a medium is in the trance state and an entity is using the

medium's faculties, there has to be someone to take down what is being said.

Sometimes the impressions come very rapidly and the medium must have a good retentive memory and go back over what has been received.

What about the problem of timing the predictions or impressions?

As far as the spirit world is concerned, they say there is no time in a worldly sense. Time is relevant and the spirit must be attuned to our conception of time. They are in another dimension. Once, one of my spirit teachers reported: "It is easier to forecast 2,000 years ahead of the present than two weeks ahead." There is also the element of free will, but certain karmic patterns must be carried out, and will come about, despite the problems of free will.

Are all prophecies fulfilled?

No. Many Biblical prophecies that did not come to pass were eliminated from the Bible.

Do you believe the future can be changed?

The future is often changed by divine design and by the petition of many prayers. However, I have been told by my teachers that certain immutable laws never change. This holds true, even for prayers. If a child places its hand on a hot stove, the result will surely be a bad burn. The law always remains the same.

On this subject of fire, I know some psychics that have overcome the power of fire. D. D. Hume was one of them.

What about the predictions concerning the California earthquake?

I have been told that there were many thousands of prayers that were sent out to counter-act this calam-

ity. But, there seems to be a certain aura of doom hovering over the west coast. Also, it is always possible that many psychics sense and make a prediction concerning a vast earth change; they may be in error on the date of the catastrophe.

Would you tell us of some of your predictions that proved true?

I predicted the present condition of the stock market in 1968, the burning of large cities, the drop-out in the various ministries, and cleric fields.

In June, 1970, you did a series of predictions for Brad Steiger and me for the book "What The Seers Predict for 1971." One of these predictions concerned the erosion of the Florida coastline due to severe storms. I recall you mention that high-rise apartment houses and motels would be imperiled. Hasn't this already happened?

Yes, I was down in the panhandle area of Florida recently and there was television news reports of the erosion of millions of tons of sand around Panama City. This affected the foundations of motels, houses, with walls crumbling. Even swimming pools were breaking up and drifting off into the Gulf of Mexico.

Could you teach me to be a psychic or a medium?

Everyone is a spirit encased, or imprisoned, in a material body. Therefore, to a degree, everyone is psychic. There does have to be a certain chemicalization of the human body for certain types of mediumship, particularly psychical phenomena. With patience and under the guidance and direction of a good sensitive, anyone can become a medium. However, every pianist cannot become a great artist. This also holds true for training the faculties to receive psychic

impressions. The method of trial and error is always advisable.

Do you think there is a hereditary factor in psychic ability?

In my case, my father and my grandfather did have psychic power. But, my father was afraid of it, although his life was saved on a number of occasions because he received spirit warnings. He could also discern certain spirits at times. He told the family of several of these ghostly appearances.

Do you feel there is a drain of physical energy connected with psychicism?

Definitely, because many of the mediums I have known passed to spirit at an early age in the forties and fifties. There is always a constant drain on the professional, or public, medium. They are particularly susceptible to heart ailments and other malfunctions of the body.

Incidentally, very few mediums ever died rich from using their gifts as a sensitive. As you may have discovered, many mediums lose their powers from time to time and, then, their so-called friends quickly desert them. A. J. Davis died friendless and alone. Cheiro died as a pauper. You can read the biographies of others and discover the same patterns.

What advice do you have for someone who is developing psychic ability?

They should pay close attention to their spirit guides and instructors. Test the spirits to see if they are of God, advises the Bible. Incidentally, there are hundreds of references to psychic phenomena in the Bible. When a person passes over to the spirit world, they are not suddenly endowed with great knowledge

to pass on to an eager listener. There are fools in spirit as well as on earth. Test the liars.

Would you advise people to experiment or test with a ouija board?

Too many people have been hoodwinked by a ouija board. It gives mischievous spirits an outlet to play tricks and to lie. I don't advise anyone to bother with ouija boards or planchettes.

Can you use your talent to help yourself?

I have escaped death in this lifetime at least 18 times. I have always used my psychic powers to help myself as much as possible. When I was in my early teens, I could always picture myself as a Certified Public Accountant. When I finally went to take the professional examination, I asked for help from C.P.A. No. 1. I didn't find out until later that I had been helped.

Certain plans have been made for me and they are just beginning to materialize. When those plans have been carried out, then I will pass on, and get off the wheel of rebirth.

How did your talents emerge?

We had a number of manifestations in our family. As there are too many doubters, we never tried to convince anyone. There was a large amount of newspaper publicity in 1928 on psychic phenomena and a letter answering this question was published in the New York Sun on May 26, 1928. The letter read:

"To the what do you think Editor:

If you will allow the space necessary, I shall relate a few of my family's experiences with the uncanny, extending over a period of four years, within the past ten years, in our home in Queens County. This was a

source of considerable annoyance, until we accustomed ourselves to the phenomena and paid little heed to it.

There was a period when I was awakened every night for about a week by something or somebody striking my head—the time varied from midnight to three a.m. We had a basement and parlour floor at that time, the bedrooms being upstairs, I in the hall bedroom. There were six children, and as my father worked late some evenings, the older ones waited up for him before retiring. It invariably happened that the last of us to retire upstairs, could hear footsteps as though someone was following, so that we got into the habit of going to bed by twos or threes. We had a fox terrier, and one evening, I, being home alone, was in the living room reading, when I heard a loud crash in the hall, which sounded like someone falling with a tray of dishes. I went to investigate, but could find nothing—when I got back to the living room the dog was quivering. I tried to forget the incident, began reading again, but the same crash occurred again, only this time in the living room. It sounded as though all the dishes in the china closet were tumbling down. The dog gave a terrified yell and crawled on my lap whining, and as that was too much for my nerves that night, I went and took a walk with the dog, until the family returned home.

The knocks at the doors and windows and the ringing of our doorbell occurred during this time so frequently, that we used to laugh and joke about it when it happened.

One evening my mother, father and two of my sisters were in the kitchen, when the handle on the kitchen door slowly turned back and forth and the door

opened very slowly for about three feet, and then closed again, the handle being slowly turned back and forth in closing.

At another time my oldest sister happened to be downstairs alone, combing her hair preparatory to going to bed, using for this purpose a shaving mirror on a small stand—when what appeared to her to be a hand grasped the glass and reversed the mirror. We found this out quickly enough when she ran upstairs screaming to the rest of the family.

The family compared notes relative to what they had seen at different times and found that sometimes these forces would appear as a grey vapory substance in semblance of human form, and again as though they were tangible individuals, but of a vapory substance.

In closing, I will mention that we had a large rocking chair that would start rocking, sometimes slowly and often very quickly, as though an invisible person was rocking itself. This rocking would continue no matter where we placed the rocker, and at different times during the day or night.

The above are a few of the outstanding happenings that come to my recollection and they were many.

Thanking you for the courtesy of your column, I am,

Very truly yours,
Joseph W. Donnelly"

Do you feel psychics are set apart from what we might call the "normal," or non-talented people?

I don't think so. Of course, I would never try to use my power for financial gain by trying to forecast a lottery number or try gambling. I prefer to help in

any way I can and, most of the time, this is anonymously. I am principally interested in the art of healing. There is simply too much pain and suffering in the world and I would like to contribute the little I have learned for the relief of those who seek my help.

Can you use your psychic power all of the time? Or, do you have the ability to turn it on and off?

My gift is available only when help is requested and, even then, not as a steady diet. There is only one level of consciousness available for the medium and that is a working arrangement with one's own spirit guides, or teachers. They are simply not at the beck and call of the medium for all hours of the day and night. They have their own interests to attend to, as you might guess.

What occurs if they are not available?

If they cannot appear or give the information then they will send a suitable substitute.

Could you suggest a program for a beginning medium?

Silence and quiet surroundings are essential for meditation. You can be only in a dimly lit room or perfect darkness. Learn to concentrate on a single object, mentally focus on a speck of light, or clear your mind of all extraneous thought.

Then, simply let the thoughts flow through. Try this for 15 minutes to one-half hour each day and/or once a week. But, it must be at the same time and at regular intervals. This is your appointment with your spirit loved ones, your guides, and teachers. You should also get the names of your teachers for later verification through a medium.

Could you give us some examples of your own spirit teachers?

They range from Aristotle to Walt Whitman to P. Yogananda. They are a brotherhood of one in the spirit world; there is no distinction as to creed or color there. The spirit is universal. Also, no single religion has a monopoly on the afterlife. We are all God's children.

Spirit teachers may select any of their prior earthly personalities, or incarnations, for communicating, according to the phenomena they may wish to produce. Some teachers will remain for only a short time; others will remain indefinitely. Some never tell who they were on this earthly plane as they prefer to remain anonymous. Some are appointed by the more advanced entities; others are simply attracted. Like attracts like; you know them by the work they do and the truths they tell.

A few of my guides have been listed here in the order in which they first came to my notice.

CHIEF YELLOW JACKET: An Indian medicine man. Chief is a title earned in spirit the same as Doctor or Master. A healer for myself and others, often by absent treatments. I have his picture drawn on a card by spirit.

CHIEF RED CLOUD: An Indian of the Ogalala Sioux by name Manapiyaluta. Messages and lectures. I have his picture painted independently by a spirit artist on my own handkerchief, while in class with my son William. I have most of my guides' pictures or names drawn in different ways, by spirit, or on skotographs or by spirit photography. All in our own family circles.

CHIEF RAINBOW: Indian graduate of Ogelthorpe University, Ga. Teacher and lecturer. One time he

left my band for seven years for further study in the Spirit World. Later, his title was changed to Doctor.

MASTER ALI SINGA RAU: Hindu teacher, in charge of my band. In 1925 I only knew him as the Hindu, as he called himself. Finally gave his name to me in 1944. Graduate of the Sorbonne and English colleges. Foreign languages and lectures.

BILL STARR: Since 1925, I only knew him by his signature on my automatic and inspirational writings—which was a peculiar star. Gave his name in independent spirit writing in 1953 at our home circle. Who he really is, is not known at this time. His writings over the years are in perfect English with a peculiar style.

CHARLIE LOUIS LING: Boyhood Chinese friend of mine. A member of a Chinese Mission in Brooklyn, N.Y. I taught Sunday School there for a time to Chinese boys. He returned to China as a Christian Missionary. He is an intermediary for Chinese and Oriental guides.

INDIAN OF THE OPEN: A Canadian Indian, also manifests as an Inca Priest. Messages, Levitation and other phases.

DR. STEVEN JAMES DE LAURENCE: Occultism and many phases of phenomena. Introduction of lost phases of mediumship, as practiced in ancient Egypt. One is Universal Thought, dwelt on quite extensively in these writings; another is the use of vocal chords of a medium or others, without trance, for the use of spirit voices and mannerisms. There will be other phases as time goes on.

DR. L. W. DE LAURENCE. When in the physical body, the occult teacher, about 1910, of a medium friend of mine. I have his framed photograph, as he was in the living, which he autographed for me inde-

pendently. It is an exact facsimile of the Doctor's handwriting. Advanced teacher for mental telepathy, oriental systems of spirit communication, occultism, hypnosis, all phases of phenomena. Does not come too often. Standing by for certain reasons we both know.

FATHER JOHN IRELAND: A clergyman in his last incarnation. Trumpet instructor and lecturer; Latin, and other languages.

JOSEPH DONNELLY: My father, who passed to spirit Nov. 12, 1942. Trance control, levitation, rappings for communication. My grandfather George Donnelly, used rappings for spirit communication. He often spoke of the leprechauns of Ireland. He passed to spirit June 16, 1915.

MASTER ABRA MELIN: A medieval Hebrew philosopher. A friend of the De Laurences' and a spirit teacher of both of them, when they were in their physical bodies. Teacher of philosophy and the magical potency of names, numbers, and acrostics.

Have you checked on the facts given by your spirit guides? Have they told you things that were later verified?

A visiting spirit named Martin Lane came to us and asked us to check on him. He reported he had lived in Lanesboro, Pennsylvania, which had been named after him. We wrote to the county officials and received verification of everything he said.

Many years ago, we received messages from the spirits of two English boys who had gone down with the ship, *Hood*. They gave their names and addresses in England. At a later date, we verified this information.

How do these spirits act? Particularly, those who have held impressive positions in a previous life?

Many great personages have lectured at my son's classes and—I was cooperative—and we found them to be cool, calm, and collected. They were not given to flaunting who and what they were. The higher their status in the spirit world, the more humble they were.

Saints refer to themselves as brother or sister. Saint is a worldly title and it is not used in the spirit world. A master is an advanced spirit with many incarnations, or experiences, in the world or on other planetary systems.

Have they ever spoken of the devil?

They have never mentioned him. There is no such thing as evil; there are merely varying degrees of good. They all speak reverently about God, or the supreme intelligence, which they know nothing of any more than spirits encased in physical forms. But, they know of the power of prayer.

Then you do believe in reincarnation?

There is a debate in even the spirit world about reincarnation, just as it is a controversial subject here on earth. The only ones who really know are the Masters, those that can read the Akashi records. I do not think reincarnation is real; I *know* it is.

There are no set patterns to reincarnation as some people write about it. It may happen in 24 hours or even 25,000 years apart. Sometimes it is the wish of the advanced soul to bring a message to the world at a specified time; others have no say in the matter. I was present at a seance where a soul was to be incarnated again and this was a very sacred moment.

What happens to the soul at death?

At death, the soul passes from the physical plane into the next phase of existence. Many souls are not aware that they have died and passed on into another dimension. Sometimes it takes many years for them to learn the truth and, in the meanwhile, they become earthbound or attach themselves to a weak human. This can happen when the human has the same characteristics that they did when they passed away. As you can see, this is a very long story in itself.

Do you think birth control pills or the new laws on legalized abortions would possibly affect the theory of reincarnation?

There are many thoughts as to exactly when the soul passes into the embryo. I have been told that many mothers have passed away into spirit and they're amazed to find children there, which they thought were dead forever. They could be the result of still-born births or abortions.

Abortions do affect reincarnation and the karmic laws. There are many other ways to prevent pregnancy. The Church of Rome knows the tremendous crime of abortion; this is why they have cried out against it. No human has the right to deprive another human of existence.

What is your definition of karmic law?

It is the law of progress and, in spirit, it never ends. I was told once of a prior existence an anmon ago; "anmon" is a spirit word for one million times one million times one million. This incarnation was on a planet with a constant population of 10,000. There are enough worlds in eternity so that everyone who was ever born can, in time, after millions of incarnations, rise to the status of overseer of a particular world. It truly staggers the imagination.

Leaving reincarnation, let's talk about apports. As you know these are objects that are supposed to be brought to the medium, or to the seance room, by spirit manipulation. Have you had any unusual experiences with this type of phenomena?

I was visiting a client on Long Island about a tax matter some years ago. I left the office and walked back to my automobile; I always locked the doors and windows on the car. I found an apport on the seat, a small flashlight that had not been there when I locked the car.

We have received many apports during a period of seven years. These classes and experiments were conducted with seven other people. My son, William J. Donnelly, conducted classes and I was the amanuensis. We have received precious jewels and Egyptian statuary, later authenticated by a museum in New York City. Several times, we received burned paper that had belonged to one of the guides in his incarnation. One scrap of paper was from Africa, and it contained a message in a strange language. It was as if the paper was actually a part of a palm leaf or something like that. We had a translation made of the language; it was a part of a Biblical passage.

What do your spirit guides say about apports?

Crystal, one of my spirit teachers, explained the apports in this manner:

Crystal: "Spirits can bring apports that have no owners, or the owners are deceased. They cannot take things of value, such as money or jewels, that belong to the living. We often take back the apports we have produced after an interval of time. They may be more useful to someone else."

Do you feel that psychic people are rather jealous of each other's talents?

Frankly, no psychic has a monopoly on psychic gifts. If they study and put in the time for procedures, I welcome them. A medium should certainly not be jealous of another medium's attainments. Yet, I am sad to relate that I have found a lot of jealousy among mediums over the years. Mental mediums do not like mediums that have physical phenomena. A good message from a child prattling is sometimes better than one from a famous psychic.

Do you advise people on financial affairs?

I have often helped people with their financial problems. This was done without their knowledge. That was business and I was part of the business world. Many of my clients did not realize I possessed spiritual gifts until my book, *Diary of a Psychic,* was published.

Do you help people by answering questions by mail?

I have a rule of answering only sensible questions; frivolous ones are ignored. The person who wants a question answered should send a self-addressed envelope for the reply. I am principally interested in helping people with my healing ability and there is no fee. They can contribute a love offering after the healing has been affected. Anyone who wants to get in touch with me can write Joseph Donnelly, 208 Clara Street, Sebring, Florida, 33870.

Do you find there are certain trends in personal problems today?

For the past few years I have simply concentrated on health problems. This is accomplished by prayer. And, by following certain rituals. Most everyone to-

day is in the same financial boat, or they soon will be despite the Pollyanna talk that we get from Washington.

Do you use a crystal ball or other items?

I do not use astrology, although it has its points. I have a crystal ball, but I do not use it. I have never used Tarot cards. You have my explanation on my type of psychicism. Whatever a medium feels will help him should be used.

Do you feel that some astrologers may use ESP along with their horoscopes?

I know one of the best astrologers in the country and he used ESP along with his castings. He is now a very wealthy man, but he did not obtain his fortune through astrological readings. When he acquired wealth through an inheritance and real estate dealings, he stopped much of his research into astrology.

I know a medium who acquired fortunes at different times in his life. Immediately, after becoming financially well off, he stopped working as a psychic. But, the spirit world soon saw that he lost all of what he had received. The spirit world forced him back into the business of being a public medium. He is now deceased.

What have been the experiences in your healing ministry?

I've received many letters from people who are very pleased with the results. Here's a letter from a lady who was saved from an eye operation. Her condition has cleared up.

There was a lady who I gave two treatments to at Camp Silver Belle in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. She had been cross-eyed since birth. I got her eyes moving in

all directions, which she had been unable to do before. Formerly, she could only look straight ahead.

Over a distance of 3,000 miles, I helped cure an Indian girl of several serious health conditions. In appreciation, the elders of her tribe sent me a beautiful gift of petrified wood.

Another interesting case was an elderly gentleman from California. His wife died recently and he is virtually friendless out there. He had several complicated illnesses at the same time and many of these have cleared up. We have maintained a regular correspondence for over a year; he is now leaving California as I have been advising him to do for some time. Many others have taken my advice and left California, including a newspaper concern.

Speaking of California, do you foresee an earthquake there?

The earthquakes in Turkey, Japan, Italy, and Peru are simply the forerunners of what is to come. The earth's crust is starting to crack. One fault line runs along the South American coast, the coastal area of Mexico, California, and up to Alaska.

There are over 400 active volcanoes in the world and some have started up again after a long sleep. Many geologists and others are leaving California because of the uneasiness caused by forecasts of the long overdue, massive quake.

Offshore, out from the California coast, subterranean liquid and gas pockets have been tapped. This has created a further weakening along the California coastal area and into the faults. There will be a tremendous earthquake in the not-too-distant future that will cause the death of many millions of people.

Warning earthquakes were first experienced in

1969 in many parts of the world. The future quakes will be affected by massive tidal waves. I leave it to your imagination to envision the coming scarcity of food, the problems of the economy after such a disaster, etc.

After that frightening prediction, perhaps we had better discuss the trends in the Christian church. Do you foresee problems for established religions?

The orthodox churches are losing control over their membership, as I predicted some time ago. Economic pressures on the individual is one cause for this leveling off in attendance. The Aquarian Age is also upon us; it will be the clean-up and clean-out age, and many New Age followers are searching and looking for a new Messiah. We are also in an enlightened age that seeks answers for itself instead of accepting answers from someone else.

Do you have some additional predictions for the future?

Well, there isn't going to be any good news from the stock market for a long time. There will be a collapse of the credit card business, due to the overextension of credit to poor, unreliable credit risks. The drain will also be caused by unwarranted buying which feeds inflation. Government control of credit will be necessary.

I predict that America is rapidly approaching a fascist state. In June, 1970, I predicted the advent of wage and price controls. I also see the control of labor unions by government fiat. Excess wages will be rolled back, or taxed in full, and there will be a price rollback on products and wages.

What do you foresee for the war in Vietnam?

The Vietnam war will increase in intensity and it

will continue over into the surrounding areas. I see that the war in Asia will last for many years. The Chinese are simply biding for a time to strike. The Chinese have mastered rocketry and they will not be adverse to using it for war purposes. Atomic bombings will not bother the Chinese too much because they are a nation of 700 million, scattered over a large area. Japan will be the stabilizing force in the future against Chinese aggression.

Do you feel that many psychic impressions are universal thoughts, given to many gifted people at the same time?

Certain impressions are universal, as many psychics knew in advance that President Kennedy would die. Sometimes a master will relay a warning to certain sensitives. Often, this concerns a disaster.

At other times, only a few psychics are chosen for a particular prophesy.

Where do these impressions come from?

I don't think we can define the place. It could be in another dimension, perhaps 100,000,000,000 miles away as we reckon time or space.

You mentioned the masters. Do you believe in them?

I will quote from a spirit teacher:

"Masters are not to be considered Gods and All-wise.

"They wish to be considered as Elder Brothers, neither higher nor lower than those who they address.

"They come from seven places: the Hartz mountains in Germany; the Sahara desert; Gobi desert; Yucatan; Shamballa in Tibet; Mt. Shasta in California; and the wilderness areas of Canada.

"Prepare your days for passing into the spirit realm; live each day as if you were living your last days.

"The prediction of coming events and the deaths of various individuals are not given to those who are not prepared. Such foreknowledge could cause insanity."

What do you foresee in the direction of our government in the near and long range future?

If the government does not curtail spending over the budget, and insists on needlessly increasing the national debt, the sum total of all debt may reach $2,000 billion dollars. *Not millions, but billions.* If this is allowed to happen then we will be faced with national and world bankruptcy.

America is the most hated nation in the world despite the statements from lying Pollyannas in Washington, D.C.

We have to start balancing the budget and, in addition, create a surplus of five billion each year to reduce the national debt.

We are also rapidly approaching a major confrontation with Russia.

If we survive a predicted famine, the destruction of our earthly environment, and the Russian confrontation, we will still have to contend with the Chinese.

The white race has a dreadful Karma to be balanced for the brutality over the past centuries to other races on this planet.

So I predict a war of extermination by the other races directed against the white man. This will occur within 20 years, all other predictions failing.

In summary, I'm sure our readers would like to know how you spend your time?

I live a quiet life with the other retirees at the mobile home park here in Sebring. There is a rec-

reational hall, a swimming pool, a shuffle board court, bicycles, and there's a nice movie house just two blocks away. I subscribe to many periodicals, do a lot of reading, and I'm a great library fan.

Chapter Five

IRENE HUGHES

Some theorist once conjectured that those men and women, whom we today term psychics and mediums, would have been called witches and wizards just a few centuries ago. If some superstitious nit or tongue-in-cheek wag were ever to term Irene Hughes a witch, he would have to admit that the attractive, platinum-haired lady would be placed in the physical category established by Kim Novak in *Bell, Book and Candle* and by Elizabeth Montgomery in *Bewitched*, rather than the wrinkled crones of the Oz books and Walt Disney cartoons.

But there is absolute proof that Irene Hughes is not a witch. Witches are not supposed to be able to cry, and any woman who has reared four children, as has Mrs. Hughes, has shed her share of motherly tears.

The Chicago seeress first came to national attention when she predicted the exact dates for that area's three major blizzards during January and February of 1967. From that day on, the telephones in her office

have not stopped ringing with requests for psychic guidance from law enforcement officers, U.S. senators, lawyers, businessmen, and troubled housewives.

In print and as much as several years in advance, Irene Hughes predicted the Middle East War for the summer of 1967, the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy for June, 1968, and the death of North Vietnamese premier Ho Chi Minh for the last week in August, 1969.

In 1963, less than a month after the assassination of President John Kennedy, Mrs. Hughes foresaw his widow's remarriage in 1968 to a ". . . much older man than herself—a sort of father image."

Publicly, on June 9, 1969 (she had made the prediction over a year before to certain friends), Mrs. Hughes announced that Senator Edward Kennedy would be involved in a tragedy on, or near, water. She foresaw that the senator would not be seriously hurt, but a companion riding with him might be fatally injured.

Since the scrupulous Mrs. Hughes sees to it that her predictions reach print in her weekly newspaper column well in advance of the foreseen event, she leaves little room for the skeptic to hedge when a predicted event moves into place on the conventional Time scale. The seeress maintains her chapel of The Golden Path at 30 West Washington St., Suite 1011, Chicago 60602. Here, between telephone interruptions from anxious clients seeking psychic counsel, the energetic and attractive seeress granted this author the following interview.

It seems to me that I detect a Southern accent in your voice, Irene. Would you tell a bit about your personal background?

Certainly. I was born and reared in Tennessee. My

mother, Easter Bell, was half-Cherokee Indian, and my father, Joe Finger, was a tall woodsman of Scotch-English descent. I had eleven brothers and sisters, though one died shortly after birth. We all worked hard in the fields, picking cotton and trying to raise enough produce to eat.

Some theorists have said that American Indians are generally quite psychic. What about your mother? Would you say that she was psychic?

Oh, yes, very much so. She was well known for her "feelings." And because of her own psychic abilities, she made me know that I was not a normal child. She never laughed at me or scolded me.

When did your own "feelings" develop?

When I was about four. It was about then that my father began to notice that my feelings proved to be accurate, and he began to question me about when it would rain and when he should pick the cotton.

I believe that I recall reading in your biography Know the Future Today *that there was one particularly dramatic event that set your psychism in motion when you were very young.*

Yes, you refer to my visitation from the lovely little lady all dressed in shimmering gossamer, who identified herself as a fairy queen. She promised me that I would receive two presents, a doll and a string of beads; and within two days, these gifts materialized. After the release of my book, I received a beautiful letter from a Catholic priest who felt that I must have had a visitation from religious figures.

Did you have any other mystical experiences as a child?

Oh, yes, but you know we kept pretty busy, and I didn't have time to simply sit around and have

visions. Our family's sole support came from the vegetables and cotton which we raised on our fifty acres of tillable land. From the time I was nine until I was fifteen, I milked cows, hoed cotton, cut sugar cane, and even cut wood. We all had to work hard to keep food in our little four-room cabin.

But if you wish another example of a mystical experience, when I was fifteen I made my confession of faith to a Baptist minister, who was serving as a minister in a Church of the Nazarene. As I stood before the altar, I felt as if I had been immersed in a huge body of water and that, as the water flowed off me, a fountain appeared inside of me, actually taking the place of my heart. It was a fountain of joy, and it has remained with me to this day. I think that fountain of joy in my heart is one reason why I feel the compassion for other people that I do.

It sounds as though such an experience gave you a positive approach to faith and belief. What is belief to you, Irene?

To me, belief is mental visualization. It is seeing in my mind what I want accomplished in my life. Believing is drawing a mental blueprint and, when you accomplish that, the word "impossible" is eliminated from your thinking. When you visualize your goal in your mind, it may not yet be reality, but you will know that it is possible to attain it.

Irene, do you have a spirit guide?

I have a wonderful spirit teacher, whose name I cannot yet reveal; but in the book, *Know the Future Today*, we call him Kaygee. He was a marvelous Oriental gentleman, who spent his entire life fighting for the living truth in the slums.

How could this entity prove to you that he was who he claimed to be?

He gave me the name of his daughter, who at that time, was in the United States studying at Cornell University. I wrote to her and she verified who he was on the earth plane. She said that her father had been one of the greatest Japanese Christians who had ever lived and that he had died in April of 1961. The fact that the name and address were correct seemed to me most evidential of Kaygee's survival after death. I had to accept the fact that his spirit was coming to work through me.

Why do you think that Kaygee chose you?

Perhaps he felt that I was so physically, emotionally, and psychically constructed that he could work through me. I consider myself honored that he chose me as a channel by which he might continue at least certain aspects of his work.

Do you believe in reincarnation?

Yes, I do, because of a very intense and continued personal experience. This experience is carefully and thoroughly detailed in *Know the Future Today*, and it is really too long to go into right now.

According to Kaygee, it was necessary for me to experience this past life recall so that I might meet with people and situations involved in my Karma and effectively deal with the events that were soon to be played out in my present life.

Since you give a vast number of psychic sittings for men and women in all walks of life, do you have any advice to offer about proper conduct at a sitting?

If you really want to get the best help available from a psychic sensitive, it is most important that you have faith in yourself and faith in the sensitive. Go to

your appointment skeptical, yet expectant, relaxed, and courteous. For best results, prepare yourself by taking some time to be alone in quiet thought and prayer.

Don't try to think of any particular message or answer that you want. If you have been wise in your choice of a sensitive, he will be a spiritual person, who, aided by prayer, will probably be able to help you.

Always be on time for your sitting. And go ahead and bring a pen and notepad along if you wish. If possible, bring a tape recorder. (Ask the psychic's permission about this, though, for a recorder does distract some sensitives.) Accurate notes are essential if you are to check up on details of your sitting.

If you chat with the sensitive before the sitting proper, conceal facts about yourself, your business, or your personal connections.

If a different personality, a spirit guide or control, should emerge when the sensitive is in trance, be polite and friendly. Speak promptly when spoken to, just as you would if addressed by a guest in your home. Be positive and brief in your remarks, never negative, but never volunteering crucial information.

Remember that the sensitive and the excarnate entities are attempting to get information through to you, and that they are working on your behalf in difficult and confusing endeavors.

Present, past, and future are one in the world in which the sensitive works, and his method of communication will be largely in symbols and pictographs.

When predictions are given, there is always a chance that you may change the situation facing you.

God has given you free will. Let the premonition become an admonition.

These are some bits of helpful advice on getting the most from a sitting with a sensitive. I have detailed several others in my biography.

How do your predictions come to you? Do you see visions or simply gain impressions of things to come?

They come in many different ways. For example, it was early in May of 1968 that I told a reporter for Chicago's Sunday *American Magazine* that Senator Robert Kennedy would be shot through the head during his campaign.

I had this prediction intensified for me when I gave a reading on May 18th for Senator Harold E. Hughes, who was then governor of Iowa. When I opened my eyes, I was crying. I had had a distinct vision of John F. Kennedy standing beside me saying that Bobby would soon be with him. He showed me the Eternal Flame which burns at his own grave, and I saw crowds of weeping and crying men and women moving past a new grave. The former president told me that his brother would be shot through the head within six weeks.

When I foresaw the Great Blizzard of 1967, I saw a ticker tape moving before me with the dates on it. I had that vision on a hot, sticky night in August, 1966; but I stood there freezing, just as if I were standing in the midst of a snow storm. People around me thought that I must have some strange fever to be shivering on a torrid summer night.

Is astrology of any use to a psychic in making predictions or in giving readings to clients? As a psychic, Irene, how do you evaluate astrology?

I believe that astrology is an ancient art and that it

can be used effectively in predicting not only what has happened in the past, but in what may happen in the future.

The reason that I am interested in astrology is that all my life I have seen symbols around peoples' heads and outside their auras. It wasn't until 1964 that I learned that these symbols were astrological symbols, which indicated the sign under which a person was born. A prominent banker, who was also a great teacher of astrology, identified these symbols for me. I had never really been interested in astrology until that time.

Do you do charts for people now?

Now I can do charts if a client should request that one be done.

Let us say that I wanted a reading and I came to you. Would you do a chart on me first, or would you rely on your psychic abilities?

My "psi" ability would take over, and even though I always ask a person's birthday to put them at ease in my presence, I rely more on my psychic ability than I do on astrology. However, when I am asked to make a chart and interpret it, I use the basics of astrology. I work the chart out mathematically and follow what the various aspects mean. But then I find that my psychic ability keeps going beyond that which would generally be known by astrologers on the basis of a natal chart and its various aspects, and I always end up using my psychic interpretation as well.

Which would you rely on the most: astrology or your psychic abilities?

My psychic abilities, far and beyond anything else.

But you do feel that astrology can be an aid to a psychic?

Oh, yes.

Have you ever used astrology in any of your long-range predictions?

No, I have not. I would be afraid to attempt that. All my predictions are a result of my ESP abilities.

Do you feel that an astrologer may best serve his clients if he has some degree of ESP ability, or do you feel that pure mathematical astrology may also be valid?

I feel that pure mathematical astrology can be valid. I believe that if an astrologer has intuitive or psychic ability, he can plumb to the greater depths of the meaning of an aspect and therefore, be of greater help to his clients.

Are you hounded a great deal for your birth data by astrologers?

Yes, and I rarely give it out. I wouldn't want any person with very bad thoughts and very negative vibrations to work with my birth data like it was a voodoo doll!

Has your ESP given you any interesting insights as to how you might better use astrology?

Yes, I came upon an interesting thing while I was reflecting upon the mystery of reincarnation. I have had some very unusual feelings about important breakthroughs coming soon in the study of reincarnation, and one night I was awakened from a dream because I had been shown how to use a particular method of astrology to indicate the past lives of any individual. When I worked the method out with the astrologer who is my teacher, he was amazed and said that it absolutely worked and that he had never

heard of the technique before. I can't give out the secret just yet, because I want to develop it a bit more myself.

Irene, you have said that you are really more interested in spiritual astrology than you are in mundane astrology. How would you define spiritual astrology?

In my opinion, spiritual astrology is the ability of an astrologer to indicate the aspects of spiritual growth in a subject's life. To me, spiritual astrology is also the pursuit of the study of whether or not Jesus used astrology both in his teachings and in his selection of the twelve disciples.

Do you feel that there may be astrological signs and data woven into the scriptures?

Yes, I do, and I know that, basically, the entire structure of man's knowledge began to a great extent through the use of astrology—man looking at the stars in an attempt to determine what was going to happen. I really feel that astrology is the "mother of sciences."

What is your ESP impression about the current fad—and I guess that we will have to call it a fad—of astrology and interest in the occult? Do you see this interest continuing and becoming something much more lasting and of greater value than a simple faddist approach on the part of the majority of people?

It is my psychic impression that the next fifty years will see the bursting out of all of the mystical aspects of life. ESP, astrology, and other facets of the paranormal will become more important because of the breakdown of organized religion. We shall see a greater bringing forth of the ancient teachings.

Do you believe that astrology, the mystical

teachings, and ESP abilities are compatible with the orthodox religions, or do you feel that they conflict?

I do not feel that there is any conflict at all. I feel that if a person has even a reasonable knowledge of scripture, he will see beyond any doubt that prophecy is communication with God and that most of what we know about God came in visions and revelatory dreams. Astrology predicted the birth of Jesus and when it would happen and where. I have been a student of the Bible since the age of nine, and I have found many remarks which indicate to me that the three wise men were called so because they were astrologers.

What about in Egyptian times? Do you believe that the magicians in the court of Pharoah may have interacted with the Israelites and influenced them to the point that astrological references were included into the Old Testament?

Indeed I do, and since one of my incarnations was in Egypt, I feel that it was there that I was first introduced to astrology. I believe that is why I recalled the zodiacal symbols on an unconscious level and was able to see the symbols around peoples' auras, even though at that time, I did not know what those symbols meant. Or, perhaps I should say, I had not recalled what the symbols meant.

You know, I believe that astrology is going to bring great knowledge to medical doctors and that there will be tremendous breakthroughs in the ability of doctors to understand their patients better, and their diseases.

Do you see the day when a doctor might require astrological data from his patient to aid in diagnosis and treatment?

I know several doctors who are doing this today, and I am certain that there are many hundreds that I do not know who are doing it.

I have heard that some doctors will not schedule an operation when the moon is in a certain phase, because the bleeding is more profuse at that time.

That is because the moon is in the sign governing that part of the body that is to be operated on. It is usually unwise to have an operation on any part of the body if the moon is in its sign. For example, there would be difficulty if they scheduled an eye operation when the moon was in Aries.

Do you believe that more and more medical doctors will actually begin to pay serious attention to this kind of information?

Yes, I have very strong feelings that a great many medical doctors are going to begin to wonder how they might best use astrology.

Irene, how can you tell the difference between communication from minds on the earth plane, that is, telepathy, and communication from the spirit world?

That's easy. When I am quiet, completely relaxed, deep in meditation, whether alone at home or among friends in a prayer circle, a tingling sensation, similar to a chill, begins on my right ankle, then on my left. The tingling spreads to cover my entire body and then it is almost as though a soft, silken skin has been pulled glove-tight over my face. It is a soothing feeling, yet also a thrilling one. At this point, I am well on my way to that golden flow of consciousness that we on the earth plane term the Spirit Plane. I am in semi-trance, not full trance. If I were in full trance, I would not be able to recall a single thing.

I become as one on the spirit plane, cold as death

itself, yet comfortable. A light forms, enveloping my entire body until my body seems to be one great sense organ, sensing every motion, every feeling, every iota of cosmic magnificence. I am now engulfed in a delightful warmth that embraces the heavens and the earth. All about me is that magnificent light, suggestive of the golden glow of a summer sunset, but a thousand times more esthetically wonderful.

Now my spirit teacher, Kaygee, appears. By a slight waving of his hand, he ushers in those of his plane who wish to speak through me. Ideas spark fast, but my poor earthly body is so constructed that, even though each part of my body opens up wide to receive information, I cannot relay thoughts quickly enough to convey the entire content of the message.

The spirit guests I see appear as they did on the earth plane. Something they owned on earth often identifies them to their loved ones waiting to hear from them.

Some things shown to me must not be told to persons of the earth plane.

Often, exact words that the departed spoke while on the earth plane come from him from his lips or are conveyed to me in signs and symbols, a nod of his head, a wave of his hand. Or the entity may just stand there and what he wants to communicate comes through me as though it were waves of knowing.

Telepathy has a different feeling.

In what way is telepathy different from spirit communication?

That is so difficult to put into words. A trained sensitive's recognition of thought sources is instant and certain.

I am aware when the communicator is a living person and that such a thought is his; that this deed is what he has done or what he will do; that he lives in a certain city, or follows a specified calling. His personality, too, is analyzed for me, but often I am told to be cautious about translating the signs and symbols by which I am informed.

How do you manage to predict the exact time that something will occur in the future?

I feel that I am reasonably good on time, except sometimes I notice that I miss by one year, and then it does come true in a year. What I mean is, for example, if I said December 19th, and I meant this year, 1970, and it didn't happen on December 19th of this year, it would probably happen the next time around at that time. This is something that I cannot control. It could be that I didn't pick it up exactly as it seemed to be given to me.

Now, I don't claim to be one hundred percent accurate. I have never claimed that.

But many researchers have rated you as high as 85-90 *percent accurate.*

Yes, and as I say, I do feel that I am reasonably good on time. Generally I publish dates along with my predictions or at least indicate the quarter of the year when I feel a prediction will be realized.

Time is very difficult to work with, because on a higher plane, past, present, and future are all now. Sometimes, even when I have an exact date, I do not feel that I can release it.

For example?

Well, I was on a radio show and I had my Doomsday Book with me. That's a book wherein I have recorded many of the dates on which prominent

world figures will die. This book is shown to only a handful of people, who sign affidavits in witness to the fact that the predictions have been made in advance of the event. Anyway, when the radio commentator asked me to give his listeners a few predictions, I opened this book and on the top of a page was a prediction reading, "Martin Luther King will be killed in April, 1968."

Of course the commentator jumped on this, and said, "Oh, I see that she has written that . . ." and I put my hand over the name and he finished it by saying, ". . . a man who is a national leader will die in April, 1968."

After the show I told him that he should never do that. It would be very bad for such a thing to go over the air.

Do you have any advice for someone who might wish to develop his psychic gifts?

It takes rigid discipline to develop one's psychic gifts. Meditation and concentration are essential to anyone's success in this field. I don't believe in trying to concentrate so hard that you become upset. You just create problems for yourself when you try too hard to make your mind a blank. As soon as you start worrying because you haven't eliminated all those extraneous thoughts from your mind, that's when your head will really start to fill up with some crazy thoughts. I recommend reading some inspirational literature just prior to your meditation period. You should try to channel, rather than force, your thoughts.

Chapter Six

AL G. MANNING

Al Manning is a compact, medium-sized man with an expansive grin and a degree in Business Administration (Magna Cum Laude, U.C.L.A., 1950), who looks more like a fun-loving accountant than a serious-minded spiritualist medium. Which is not to say that the newsletter which Al issues from his ESP lab at 7559 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, California, 90046, isn't spiced with humorous cartoons and good-natured encouragement to those who wish to heed the spirit teachings, but Al simply shoots the misconceptions off a lot of murky stereotypes of how a spiritualist minister is supposed to look and act.

Manning has served in an executive capacity at two aerospace manufacturing and research firms, as well as at a metalworking and electronics firm. His two interests, business and pshychical research, have blended so well that Al can sit down at his typewriter and dash off an article for the Spiritualist publication *Chimes* and the business-oriented mag-

azine *Success Unlimited* with equal fervor. Manning is the author of three books emphasizing a how-to approach to ESP: *The Miraculous Laws of Universal Dynamics, Helping Yourself with ESP,* and *Helping Yourself with Psycho-Cosmic Power.* Each of these works stress Mannings' contention that every man and woman has psychic abilities lying dormant within the psyche and that conscious awareness of such powers can bring them to the fore.

Al took time from a busy schedule to drive to Los Angeles' International Hotel, where, over soft drinks, we discussed his work in psychical research. After he told me about the Halloween party he was planning for that night, we talked about his most unusual ESP lab.

What do you think an academic parapsychologist would say about your lab, Al?

He would probably throw up his hands in dismay! We're not trying to sell anything or to solve any vast scientific problems at our lab. We're just trying to help people.

Are you a Spiritualist minister?

Yes, I am. I became a minister of spiritual science in 1951 and I serve Spiritual Science Church No. 88.

What led you to become a Spiritualist?

Well, I had been suffering from severe migraine headaches, stomach ulcers, and eye troubles. My eyes bothered me so much I had to wear two pairs of glasses, one for close work and one for distance. After a few years, it seemed to me that the doctors who were prescribing for me were simply using me as some kind of guinea pig.

I began to study Spiritualism, and I am convinced that I was able to cure myself through prayer, spiritu-

al guidance, and the manipulation of energy that I call the "Living Light." Today, at forty-three, I am healthier than I have ever been. My stomach ulcers and migraine headaches just disappeared. My eyes now test 20/20 and I never wear glasses.

That is quite impressive. It was after you cured yourself, then, that you decided to study for the Spiritualist ministry.

Yes, I claimed healing work as my credentials, not mediumship.

But one can be both a medium and a healer.

Oh, yes, of course.

Do you have a spirit guide?

Yes, I have a spirit teacher and guide named Professor Reinhardt.

How does your family feel about your work in Spiritualism?

No problem. My wife Eileen is also an excellent healer, and so is my son Mike.

Did you organize your ESP lab immediately after you became a Spiritualist minister?

No, first we joined some friends in organizing the Aurora Service Center. Although this center didn't last too long, I feel that the brief credo which we drew up at that time still expresses many of my basic beliefs. Would you like to hear some of it?

Of course. Please.

There is an all-pervasive, omnipotent, omniscient first cause which we call God. God manifests as a Trinity of Light, Love, and Power.

The top of the triangle is Love. We must study and practice the application of love in order to give meaning to life.

It is necessary to study all religions in the practical approach to a more successful life.

There is life after death and the evolution of consciousness.

The quality of an individual's thinking determines the degree of success and happiness in his life. In order to raise this quality of thinking, we must utilize all sources of information, such as philosophy, psychology, and related subjects.

Many truths are yet to be discovered—therefore research is mandatory.

There exists a divine Hierarchy and the Occult Sciences are valid.

There, that's pretty much the way we set it down.

That is really very good. Well stated.

I took up my accountant's pen after we closed the Aurora Service Center. I soon had a very successful business going, but there was this "buzz" inside me that just wouldn't let me be content with specializing in the material side of my life at the risk of denying the spiritual importance of my life.

I began to try some healing work through the mails; and through prayer and through spirit guidance, I began to achieve some really remarkable results. You may think that this was all very unscientific, but then, as now, my approach is to help people.

When did you decide to found the ESP lab?

Once I found out that I could "broadcast" spiritual aid to people who lived great distances from me, I decided to devote myself to the healing ministry.

Do you prefer dealing with requestees for spiritual aid through the mails?

Usually Eileen and I prefer to work when the requestees for healing are present so that we can

physically direct the *light* through them in a manner resembling the laying on of hands, but our responses to long-distances pleas for help seem to work nearly as well.

Do you consider your technique to surpass or to supplement that of the medical profession?

We never consider our healing work completed until a medical doctor has confirmed it. Even though medical science might have proven ineffective in my own case, I in no way denigrate the medical doctor. Physicians are students of the healing arts and sciences just as we are.

Then you do advise your requestees to check with a medical doctor as well?

We have often and firmly stated that we would rather see a patient healed, believing that a medical doctor had achieved the cure and that we were complete fakers, than to receive credit for some kind of delusion of partial healing. Yes, we certainly advise our requestees to check with a medical doctor.

I must repeat at this point that the ESP lab does not want to sell anybody anything. We're strictly pragmatic in our approach. If something works for us in the ESP lab, we may use it for years before we feel we have time to consider why it works.

Neither my wife nor myself have ever received a penny for the time which we have put into the functioning of the ESP lab. We do ask people for donations to share the cost of this help, and we do sell books and tapes and so forth, but our records clearly show that we are contributors, rather than beneficiaries, of this work.

In looking over some of your ESP Lab newsletters, I cannot help noticing the strong evidence of humor

in your approach. Some of these cartoons, while very amusing, seem to be poking goodnatured fun at your beliefs and your work.

Yes. Our ESP Lab sign on Santa Monica Boulevard has a cartoon of a youngster using the bottom of a spirit's shroud as a security blanket. We think that sign is in excellent keeping with our broad approach of not taking ourselves too seriously.

As another example, not long ago, Professor Reinhardt, my spirit guide, broke into one of my personal meditation periods to suggest a special new game designed to make it fun to develop personal psychic ability. We started playing the game at the ESP Lab with both great success and enjoyment. If we find that we can make the game available to others at a popular game price, we hope to have it ready for the 1970 Christmas season. I like to have fun when I work.

And your family shares this light-hearted approach?

Yes. Just this last summer we added my son Mike to our healing staff. He's very enthusiastic about his work.

Do you believe in reincarnation?

I have no special axe to grind in that area. I simply accept it as logical, so I have no emotional involvement concerning the subject. So many people seem so "up tight" about reincarnation, both pro and con.

How would you answer the oft-repeated query from the skeptic who wonders where all the reincarnating souls will come from for the expected population explosion?

According to the Occult traditions, a soul enters a rest period upon leaving a physical body. Then it proceeds to study and to work on the "higher"

planes" of life for periods said to range from a few years (or no time as in the case of the Dalai Lama) to upwards of 10,000 years. Thus it would seem that there are always many, many more souls on the "other side" than in physical manifestation. So I would expect that a population explosion would indicate a shortening of the period of sojourn "over there" for many souls. We find this Aquarian Age attracting many very interesting "old souls" to help usher it in.

There seems to be such a great increase in violence and selfishness. Many people have wondered about the Karmic implications of these selfish and irresponsible lives. What would your thoughts be on this question?

It may be that a present life of irresponsibility is an over-reaction to an immediately previous life of excessive and repressive discipline. The highly repressive moral tone of the Victorian era was in full flower at the turn of this century and virtually up to the Second World War. It seems likely that those who were deprived of their physical bodies by the bloody combat in both world wars would tend to come back with an aversion to war and a haunting need to question the value of anything that the establishment society gave a great deal of importance to.

What about the fresh Karma being generated by those who selfishly contribute to today's social confusion? We are not referring to those who are genuinely seeking to change certain elements of society for the better, but to those who seem to rebel violently for the pure sake of seeding chaos among their fellows.

Our hearts go out to those who have suffered in past lives, but we would do them a great disservice by condoning their present irresponsibility.

Let it be clearly noted that somebody pays for every act of irresponsibility.

Those who seem to get away with transgressions in this life are merely piling up fresh misery that may be worked out this time or (heaven forbid) have to be carried over to the next life. I don't look upon Karma as punishment for past transgressions at all. But it does play the role of teacher.

If you burned down a Bank of America building to protest something over which the bank's stockholders have no more control than you do, then the day must come when you learn the bitter pill of material and financial loss, either by a similar act upon your goods by another, or by what mankind so ghoulishly calls an "act of God."

If you learn your lesson quickly, the loss to you need not be nearly so great as the one you inflicted. But if you are slow to learn, the loving Lords of Karma will pour it on to be sure. This also gives us a fresh understanding of the Christian idea of repentance. To be truly repentant is to have digested 95% of your lesson.

To what do Occultists refer when they speak of the Akashic Records of an individual?

I think it may be easiest to visualize the Akashic Record as an infinite computer memory bank in which is stored the record of our every thought and action—not just in this life, but in all the lives we have led on earth, and perhaps before we came to this planet.

The ability to search the computer memory banks is an acquired discipline, much like the disciplines of computer programming. Of necessity, this is done from levels higher than the astral plane, and it is performed much more readily with the assistance of

one's spirit teachers. After experimenting, I certainly found it easier to defer to Professor Reinhardt when it came to reading the Akashic Records. The more I can get my personality out of the way, the more accurate seem to be the details that come through.

Examining the Akashic Records forms the basis of our present life reading work here at the ESP lab. We are learning a great deal about the culture and value patterns of many ancient civilizations through these efforts.

Atlantis is always a popular topic for occult investigation. Have you discovered anything about this fabled lost continent?

Yes, we certainly have. For the past several months we've been working at the ESP Lab on regressions to Atlantis. Here is a poem which we came up with that more or less summarizes our feelings about Atlantis at this stage of our regressions:

Is It Real?
Were you with us in Atlantis
When we struggled futility
To save the population
From destruction by the sea?
Do you sense the pressure building?
Now's the time to strive again!
This old world *is* worth saving.
Let's be sure this time we win!

Let's regain our occult powers
And apply them practically.
Our very special mission is
To help the whole world see
That when all men live as brothers,
Sharing love and empathy,
Living Light will always bathe us
It's our *one* security.

I saw that poem reproduced in the October, 1970, issue of your ESP Lab newsletter.

Yes, and you'll notice that we mention a new Lab publication called *Success Through The Light Touch* that we hope to publish on a quarterly basis.

Al, I am certain that you are asked this question repeatedly, but what really led a pragmatist like you, with an active C.P.A. certificate, to attempt to contact beings without physical bodies?

My desire to contact the spirit world grew out of the same motivation that builds businesses and makes some executives outstandingly successful. I came to the conclusion that if one is to function effectively in any undertaking, he must constantly strive to increase his awareness of the interrelationships between the various segments of his environment. Either one grows in empathy and awareness, or he inevitably sinks deeper into a personal prison of prejudice and narrow mindedness.

Like most people, I spent many years rejecting the small promptings of help that came from our Older Brothers of the next dimension. For my own good, through the series of personal illness which I described, they backed me into a corner in which I had no choice but to listen and pay attention.

And you considered this spirit contact to be a real, that is, objective experience?

Spirit contact is as real as the chair you're sitting on. But my saying so doesn't make it true for you. And since our laboratory technicians have yet to isolate a discarnate entity in a test tube, each individual must prove the reality of spirit contact to his own complete satisfaction.

Why should beings from the next dimension, as you phrased it, want to help us?

In my opinion, the answer comes simply from the basic concept of one totally integrated universe.

We live on the Earth plane, and we must grow here if we would fulfill our destiny. In like manner, the spirit people need us because they need opportunities to serve, and thus earn their own growth.

The plain truth is that we need each other. As humans, we believe our modern society to be highly complex and superior, but it is really just a speck in the universe. The complexities of interrelationships between ourselves is as nothing in the vastness of the total scheme of things.

You mean they earn their spiritual fortunes, so to speak, by serving humans?

A man can amass a fortune by finding a better way to serve his fellow beings. The old saw about building a better mousetrap still describes the earthly rewards of ingenuity applied as service.

By serving mankind, through you or me, our spirit friends amass their fortunes in spiritual good, growth, and advancement. It is just such a mutuality of good that makes for profitable international trade, or in this case, interdimensional help.

How might one go about contacting spirit helpers?

I suggest that you promise yourself that you will devote fifteen minutes each day for two weeks to unfolding your relationship with your spirit helpers. Choose a time that you can keep regularly, and go to a quiet place and take a pencil and paper for taking notes. It is also important to have a serene mental attitude.

Just sit there in solitude?

Get yourself comfortable and visualize yourself seated under a huge searchlight that is shining a shaft of soft white light directly down upon you. Then say aloud in a normal voice something like this:

"From the perfect protection of the pure white Light, I seek friendship and contact with the spirit world and guidance from my own spirit teachers. Please communicate with me now."

What should one expect after such an invocation?

First of all, just relax and pay attention!

It would be quite normal to feel a gentle touch on some part of your body, or a cool breath on your cheek. You might see a symbol in your mind's eye, a ball of mist before you, or one or more lights of almost any size or shape. There could be a voice whispering in your ear. A wave of energy may seem to pass through you. The traditional knocks and raps might begin to sound around you.

If your pencil should seem to want to start writing without your pushing it, let it glide over the paper.

But there will be a response?

You may simply be impressed with a new thought or some inspiration, but even though the forms may vary widely, there will be a response!

If you should fail to notice anything the first time, you will certainly be more in tune by the end of the first week. The more relaxed and yet alert you can be, the quicker you will be able to sense the presence of a spirit teacher or helper.

What if one should panic when he senses a spirit response? Not everyone can accept spirit communication as calmly as you.

By all means, do not choke up or panic! When you recognize a spirit response, answer immediately. You

must consider all this as a perfectly natural circumstance. You can talk to the spirits in your normal voice, just as you would to a "living" friend who was sitting in the room with you. And that is an excellent key to your relationship with your spirit helpers. Think of them as people, as friends. They sincerely want to help you.

How can they help us?

Well, because they are no longer encumbered with the physical needs and drives of the earth plane, their vision is clearer, and their ability to foresee coming events is sharper than ours. They also have the ability to manifest directly on the material plane when necessary to bring you effective help and guidance.

But your spirit helpers are not likely to do something for you that you could just as easily do for yourself. When you really need help, though, when they find a way to speed your spiritual growth, they are always there, and always effective.

And you sincerely recommend that each of us seek to establish communion with his spirit helpers?

It's senseless to keep ignoring or rejecting the tangible help that longs to minister to you from the "other side of life." A whole new world and completely new and richer understanding of life itself awaits you if you tune in on your own spirit helpers today.

Chapter Seven

DR. ERNESTO MONTGOMERY

Dr. Ernesto Montgomery, pastor of the Universal Metaphysical Church at 1800 West Adams Boulevard, in Los Angeles, California, holds a doctorate in psychology. He was born on the island of Jamaica on October 2, 1925. Dr. Montgomery is rapidly becoming an exciting new star on the American psychic scene.

"I attended schools in the West Indies and then completed my college studies at Chicago and Indiana colleges," Dr. Montgomery related. "After graduation, I served with the British Armed Forces, and police departments in Jamaica and Texas." In law enforcement, Dr. Montgomery used his extrasensory insights to apprehend criminals.

One of the most exciting areas of his psychic work was with a secret British Intelligence agency during World War II. "At that time, the British government became convinced that Hitler relied on psychics and astrologers for his advice," Dr. Montgomery explained. "Later, this proved to be true. In fact, many of Hitler's

early campaigns were highly successful when he depended almost solely on psychics and astrologers for timing invasions into other countries or making an important move."

Dr. Montgomery was recruited by British Intelligence to assist in an espionage unit. "We prepared psychic advice that we felt would be given to Hitler by his occult advisers," Dr. Montgomery declared. "This was a very hush-hush project throughout the war and, even today, not all details of the operation have been disclosed."

Following World War II, Dr. Montgomery resided in the West Indies, where he counseled many world celebrities during their visits to the islands. When he visited Dallas, Texas, in 1958, he made a prediction that a U.S. president would be assassinated in that city. A Dallas newspaper published an article that same year about Dr. Montgomery. It concerned the remarkable ESP and faith healing abilities of the black psychic.

"The article also contained my prediction concerning the presidential assassination," he related. "I remained in Dallas for some time as a faith healer in a hospital there. As a member of the staff, I practiced faith healing on patients. This was an experimental program and it was very effective."

In 1961, Dr. Montgomery moved to Los Angeles, California, and organized the Universal Metaphysical Church. In addition to his ministry, Dr. Montgomery is the Executive Director of the Youth Opportunities League. The group helps young people in several ways, providing counsel and assistance to them.

One of Dr. Montgomery's favorite programs to help people with problems is a "hot-line" service for telephone counseling. People who are despondent or trou-

bled can telephone the slim, handsome young psychic at area code 213-731-9207. There is no fee for his services, although people may make an offering or donation to the church.

I'm sure that everyone will be interested in a report on your forecast of the Sharon Tate tragedy. Would you tell us about that?

On the sixteenth of June, 1969, I sent identical warnings to a half dozen show business personalities. As is the case with most mail which is sent to the home addresses of celebrities, the letters came back unopened. As you know by reading *Sepia* magazine or the November, 1970, edition of *Fate* magazine, the text of my letter predicted the Sharon Tate murders in almost exact detail. It would be simpler if you reproduce the letter in your interview. I shall read it off here and then provide you with a copy of one of the letters:

Mr. Dana Andrews & Family
4310 Arcola Ave.
North Hollywood, California

Dear Mr. Andrews:
I am endowed with the gift of prophecy. I have had thousands of correct predictions to my credit; the difficult and most agonizing moment of my life is to be unable to warn someone of impending disaster or danger.

Relative to my latest psychic vision, five prominent persons will be murdered on or about the 9th of August 1969 on Cielo Dr. in Benedict Canyon. I do not remember the correct digit of the address. I think it is 10060 or 10005. However if a warning could be given to the inhabitants of the entire area of the impending disaster the tragedy will be averted.

I have had unpleasant experiences with the officials of Los Angeles County in trying to warn of other tragedies

that could be avoided. I cannot afford the television, radio, or newspaper advertisement required that would be effective. I am resolute in my conviction that you will take the necessary step in warning the entire area on my behalf.

Miss Wanda Sue Parrot of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, and Mr. James J. McGuinn, director of Print Public Relation Inter Communication of Los Angeles can vouch as to many already fulfilled and interesting predictions.

Please find enclosed for your information a fact sheet. Wishing you all the best.

Sincerely yours
Dr. Ernesto A. Montgomery: Prophet.

Where did the Tate murders occur?

On Cielo Drive in Benedict Canyon.

Was this the only impression that you obtained on the tragedy?

On October 3rd of that same year I went into my psychic state and in a vision saw the name of the murderer. This vision indicated that a "Charles Monsoon" was the leader of the murderers. As you know, Charles Manson was indicted and is now on trial for the murders. My psychic insight had simply added a second "O" to his name.

You mailed the letters on June 16th. What was the date of the murders?

August 8, 1969.

Have you had other predictions published on tragic forecasts?

In October, 1957, I informed Jess Curry, who was then the Chief of Police of the Dallas Police Department, that within a short span of years there would be a

U.S. President murdered in that city. A photograph was taken, and published, which shows me pointing out the site to Dallas police officials.

Where was the photograph taken?

At Dealy Plaza, where President John F. Kennedy was later assassinated.

Did you try to warn President Kennedy?

Yes, I had a long conversation with President Kennedy when he ran for the presidency. We talked for quite some time; he was amused that I predicted that he would win the election.

I recall his exact words concerning my prediction. "Just be sure to inform the other fellow," he grinned.

I also gave him my prediction that a U.S. president would be assassinated soon. However, I did not have the insight that it would be President Kennedy. He laughed and shrugged it off. "Should I allow the other fellow to win?" he grinned.

I find that most people are unwilling to accept a forewarning of death. Many tragedies could have been prevented if I could have warned people in time.

Several years ago you counseled with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Did you foresee his assassination?

Unfortunately, I received no premonition that Dr. King would be the victim of such a tragedy. At the time Dr. King counseled with me, he had considered leaving the Southern Christian Leadership Conference because of dissension within the group. Many of the executive people were envious of his position. However, he continued his association with SCLC.

I seem to have an ability to foresee assassinations because I picked up psychic insight regarding Senator Robert Kennedy's assassination. I could not foresee the exact details of the tragedy, but I knew that Senator

Kennedy was doomed unless he doubled his bodyguards and acted very cautiously. I telephoned his office in Washington, D.C. with this information and a young lady took down my message. She promised that it would be brought to Senator Kennedy's attention. I am not absolutely certain, but I believe that he did add additional bodyguards shortly after that.

I also gained psychic insight into a possible assassination attempt on Senator Ted Kennedy's life. I sincerely believe that Senator Ted Kennedy would have been assassinated if he had attended the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago. I telephoned the Senator's office and relayed my premonition. I also contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation and told them of my forebodings. I believe that this warning was helpful in Senator Kennedy's decision not to attend the convention.

Is there a regular method to obtaining your psychic impressions?

My psychic impressions come to me in two forms. The first form is a vision when I go to sleep. Once I am in a slumber, a revelation will be revealed to me. This method is accurate on a statistical basis approximately ninety percent of the time.

The other method that I use is called "psychic insight." That is, I place myself in what is known as a transic state. That is to say, I am hypnotized into deep and continuous concentration by focusing upon a particular problem. Consequently I am able to predict with accuracy that has been perhaps ninety-nine percent effective in the past.

At times, there will be events that are emerging in the world. Plans may be made or plots developed. As a result of the vibrations these future events cast, I re-

ceive a certain almost indescribable feeling, and realize that very shortly I will be receiving a psychic impression that is to reveal something to me.

Do you always have to enter a trance to obtain a prediction?

Yes.

Do one or more impressions flood in and occur at the same time?

No. I am very fortunate in that only one impression, or scene, is revealed to me at a time.

Do you receive a time-frame of reference for your predictions?

With reference to my psychic insight, I do see a date and time revealed to me. This is, as if I was in the waking state and sitting before my television set, or scanning the screen in a movie theater. I consider this to be direct revelation.

This is the reason that throughout my entire life I have been able to accurately predict the day, date, and time of my prophecies. Unfortunately, not everyone in the psychic field has been able to do this. But I have been doing it all of my life.

Do you have any physical pain during or after a trance?

Yes, definitely. When I emerge from the transic state, I am extremely weak, as if I had just completed a grueling cross-country foot race. I am also very thirsty. On many of my appearances here in Los Angeles—although I have not done as many of these as I would like because I need attendants—I have come out of a trance feeling extremely weak.

I must have a nurse or a doctor attend me, in order that my vital life signs can be monitored. That is to say, my temperature, pulse, and respiration must be

carefully watched or my body will go into a state of shock. As you can imagine, this is a very frightening thing. I must be very cautious.

This is a state of deep psychic insight. From a preliminary viewpoint, I can gauge my entrance into this state fairly well. I have learned this over a period of forty years. I know approximately how far to go into the state and still have a certain amount of accuracy and fore-vision. The basic difference between going into the state unattended, and with trained medical personnel in attendance, is one of deepness and time duration. I simply cannot remain in the state for a long interval without having my body's vital signs checked. In either case, attended or unattended, I am very thirsty when I come out of the trance state, but not hungry at all. On many occasions I have an overwhelming urge to fast, and I often forego food for several days.

If your vital signs start to plunge downward to a dangerous point, what can a physician do to awaken you?

It is actually very easy. The method I've found that works best after all of these years of experimentation is to put my feet into a container of cold water.

The cold water actually causes some type of stimulant to hit my brain. I am immediately brought out of the trance state. This is the best method I have devised thus far, although it may sound a bit unusual.

Once you have a psychic impression, can that insight be changed? I am asking every psychic: can the future be changed?

This is a rather interesting question and I have had several television interviewers ask it. Yes, the future can definitely be changed by an individual being

warned of a future tragedy, or knowing something that seems destined to happen.

Let's take the case of a man who's going to be assassinated, or someone who may have an automobile accident, or anything that may happen in an individual's life. If the individual can be warned, as I tried to warn the victims in the Sharon Tate murders, then they can take appropriate steps to prevent the occurrence.

On many occasions, something happens to someone because he or she is ignorant of the fact that this could happen.

Yes, the future can definitely be changed. Now, a phenomenon like an earthquake, or any other disaster, is very difficult because there is no individual free will involved. All that can be done by the psychic receiving the impression is to give the warning. Like the vision I have had of an earthquake in California in 1972. There can be a change in events and the quake will not occur.

But, so far as I am concerned, I do not have any power to change what the master, God, who has given me this gift, tells me. I do believe seriously that mankind cannot drastically change destiny. What we have is the power to change what may happen to each of us, as individuals. An individual can move from California and this will affect his personal life. The quake can occur, but the individual can use free will to decide if he will be in this vicinity when it happens.

I must say that the earthquake in 1972 is predicted by many psychics. Does a future disaster cast off intense vibrations?

Yes, you will find that psychics make the same predictions although they are miles apart and have no contact with each other. It is like a homing device. We are

tuned in on the same wave length, like the homing device on a guided missile.

Would you give us an example or two of your more dramatic predictions?

Well, one of the most outstanding notables I have counseled psychically was Winston Churchill. This was shortly after World War II. I still was a member of the British Intelligence and assigned to the British Army in Jamaica. Before I explain about Churchill, I should mention that what really prepared people to seriously consider psychics in military intelligence was a direct result of Hitler's actions. Hitler, when he started World War II, attributed all his early victories to his astrologers and psychics.

He used dozens of astrologers to tell him what town to strike, where to strike, and whether a country would resist his forces. British Intelligence found out about this and they countered by using our own astrologers and psychic people.

It was shortly after World War II and Mr. Churchill was very worried about the future of England. He was very perturbed because he wanted to be prime minister for another term. My psychic ability told him categorically that, despite the fact that he was a stalwart against the Germans, and victory was a result of his bulldog tenacity, his people would turn their backs on him. He would be ousted.

Mr. Churchill most emphatically did not want to accept this as a fact because, as we know, if there had not been Churchill to lead his people, then the history of England would be very different. I also went into a number of personal predictions which I will not mention because everyone who comes to me is given absolute confidence.

However, I can say that he came to me, I predicted that he would lose, but that he would later recapitulate his loss. He did again become prime minister of his country shortly before his death.

Another interesting individual whom I counseled was Princess Margaret, who was given psychic counsel when I was a member of the intelligence division of the Jamaican Police Department. I visited with her and her friends for an afternoon at the governor's house.

A very interesting man was the ex-dictator of Haiti, Pablo Magloaire. He came to Jamaica on a state visit and he requested that I counsel him regarding his future. I informed him that an unknown man, who would be known as "Doc" or "Doctor," would assume control of Haiti. He was very reluctant to accept my statements. Later, Papa Doc Duvalier did overthrow Magloaire and the former dictator disappeared.

Have you continued to work with celebrities and important people?

This is a unique area of my work. I have counseled many important people throughout the world and I've discovered that they have the same problems, the same miseries, as everyone else. I am now counseling several Hollywood stars, people frightened by the end of the star system. I cannot name these clients, of course, because of the confidential nature of their affairs.

Are you working with police departments or military intelligence?

I have worked with several police departments on the west coast. I have been asked to join several departments and, according to them, my work would be strictly psychic insight on various matters. However, I would not be allowed to conduct my healing crusades or work for the public. There is so much pain, suffer-

ing, and misery in the world that I feel my gift must be used to benefit everyone.

Do you attribute your psychic insight to God, a higher power, or perhaps a biological-chemical element in the mind or brain?

God, or a higher power, as they are the same in my estimation. You are the first person to inquire about the biological or chemical composition of the brain and I think this is possibly a very important factor. It would be interesting sometime to do brain wave tests on the world's outstanding psychics. There might be some rather startling conclusions.

However, any gifted psychic must have something from God. You cannot be psychic and defeat God. I might add here that the Christian religion is certainly not the only religion in the world. There are many other religions and in all religions there are gifted people who do use other methods to produce concrete predictions.

Are you able to help yourself through psychic insight?

It is difficult. I have tried this and it does not work for me as it does for other people. As an example, I was involved in a rather serious automobile accident here in California last year and I spent three weeks in the hospital. Now, while I was driving the car, I knew that something was about to happen. I kept seeing myself lying down motionless, but I had no specific premonition of the accident. It just is very difficult for me to see anything for myself. I meditated on this, but I simply cannot explain it at all.

Were you psychic as a child?

I was born this way. Since the age of five I have been able to predict things. I have been able to tell

people what to do insofar as healing is concerned. In the West Indies, approximately ninety per cent of the people are black. We came from Africa with a heritage in this sort of thing. We know what bush or herb can be used for medicinal purposes. We can go out and pick a plant and eat it, or boil it into a tea, for a headache or other malady.

As a young boy, I was able instinctively to select the correct herbs and plants from the countryside and heal people. I didn't know that I had the power of psychic healing, however, until later in life.

As a child in my parents' home in a village in Jamaica, I was sought for psychic predictions or healing treatments. I was called the "smart one." People would have something happen and they'd say: "Let's see if Miss Emily's smart one can tell us something." Emily was my mother, of course. They kept coming and, at first, it was fun for me. Later, it was frightening to have a hundred people standing outside my door or following me around. I didn't have time to think or have a normal childhood. When I was about eight, my family moved to Kingston so that I might have a peaceful childhood.

Do you know of other successful psychics working today?

Oh yes, definitely. Many of them are not yet known, just as my own talents are just now starting to receive attention in America. I will be much happier when I can go from area to area, predicting, counseling, and healing people.

That brings up another question. As you counsel people, do you see trends or patterns in their problems?

That's a very interesting question because I counsel up to one hundred people a day, by mail, by telephone,

or in person. I find there are distinct trends, according to age brackets. People from age fifty to seventy are in need of healing; they suffer in a physical way. Individuals from ten to sixteen, youngsters, almost always have a family problem. They want to get away from the family. It appears that the family is simply not motivating children. These youngsters want to go out into the world and experience life. They often want to pop pills, smoke marijuana, and dress as they wish. Many youngsters come to me to find out if they are on the right track.

From age eighteen to twenty-five, it is mostly a matter of job security or love problems.

When it comes to married people, it is almost always a marital problem.

So, there's a difference in problems according to the age bracket.

As you foresaw the Sharon Tate murders, do you believe there is an occult-oriented cult of evil rising in this nation?

Psychic people will be, and are, accepted today strictly on their own merits. They are judged by the accuracy of their predictions and the value of their counsel. As time goes on, you will see many opportunists who do not understand this science. They will organize a church, develop a cult, and try to predict and heal. They are simply opportunists; most people will not be duped for long by this type.

Do you have some new predictions?

My psychic insights indicate that the turmoil in our schools, the bombings of various buildings, and similar matters, has not yet reached a crescendo. There will be more of this before this type of behavior ends.

The government is now passing laws to deal with the

bombers, but this will not prevent these acts of destruction. However, the demonstrations, violence, and the bombings will eventually taper off and life will be much better.

There will be more airplane hi-jackings. The authorities have been trying for some time to devise a method and means of checking people before they go on board. These will work up to a point, but there will be more hi-jackings in the future. There will also be disasters connected with certain tragic hi-jacking attempts.

I also predict that the death penalty will be abolished and the prisoners who are now awaiting execution will be given life sentences.

I also predict that during 1971 there will be a new U.S. military involvement. I do not foresee an end to the VietNam war.

I predict that heart transplants will be abolished in the United States. I foresee that there will be many failures relative to transplants and, as a result, there will be a large number of court cases filed against the doctors and hospitals.

I predict a cure for cancer.

As a result of high interest rates and the rising cost of housing, I predict that the U.S. Government will be forced to subsidize housing for families with moderate incomes.

Steel production, automobile production, and electrical power production will drop. This will affect the stock market, which will plunge to a new low.

The market will also be affected by a confrontation between the Red Chinese and the Russians, a new Korean crisis, continuation of the war in VietNam, and turmoil at home. The economy of our nation will be seriously hampered.

I also predict that police officers will be disarmed in certain areas. People will be compelled to band together in vigilante-type groups to prevent attacks on their person or property.

Do you counsel people by mail?

Yes, either by mail or by telephone.

Do you charge a fee?

No, although I am grateful for any donation to my church. I accept nothing personally. All donations go to the church or the Dr. Ernesto Montgomery Crusade. I am now lining up sponsors to take my healing crusade into other areas and cities.

The church and the crusade have been accredited by both the federal and state governments as a non-profit organization.

You accurately predicted that Mr. Nasser of Egypt would die. This was published in your forecasts for 1971. However, your prediction said he would be assassinated. Do you feel this is true?

Mr. Nasser was in the best of health when I made this prediction. I read his future very closely. I believe Mr. Nasser was assassinated, according to my prediction. After he died, I entered my transic state and I saw that he had been given a drug that caused his vital signs, particularly his heart, to be overtaxed. They said that he died of a heart attack, but he did not do so. It was a blatant case of murder. Mr. Nasser was assassinated by a group interested in manipulating his countrymen.

Chapter Eight

JOHN PENDRAGON

The late John Pendragon, Great Britain's remarkable seer, was alleged by many to have been one of the most gifted clairvoyants of this century. When Pendragon passed away on January 25, 1970, after a ten-year bout with disease, he left behind him such a vast number of paranormal accomplishments that an account of his life reads like a veritable encyclopedia of psychic phenomena.

Those researchers who check such matters consistently scored Pendragon's verified predictions at 85-90 percent accuracy. According to the printed record, Pendragon took great pride in placing his ability on the firing line by publishing his prognostications well in advance of their actual occurrence, and in challenging other seers to do the same. The book *Pendragon*, which the British seer co-authored with Brad Steiger, is an account of the psychic's many extraordinary accomplishments, ranging from ghost-hunting to astral projection, from dowsing for oil and precious minerals to

dipping into the spirit world, from casting predictions to warding off fierce elementals.

An enormous amount of wordage issued from the sensitive's typewriter when he was not exercising his psychic talents. He contributed "Pendragon's Panorama" to British *Fate* for several years. He also conducted the regular feature "Occult Question Time" for *Prediction* magazine until Stella Truman assumed authorship in 1968. In addition to *Pendragon*, the seer's published books include *Cupid and the Stars, The Occult World of John Pendragon,* and *The Weird, the Wild, and the Wicked.*

I was able to conduct an interview with the distinguished British seer shortly before his death. He was a thin man of medium height; he spoke honestly and directly, and with dry British humor. Physically, I thought the most remarkable thing about the seer was the piercing quality of his eyes. Pendragon truly had eyes that looked as though they might be able to penetrate the dense clouds of Time and obtain clear glimpses of the future.

John, your remarkable predictions are a matter of public record and are in numerous books and periodicals. What do you think made you the astonishing psychic that you are?

I shall spare you the rather morbid details of my childhood and my relationship to my parents. If you truly are interested in those trying years, you may, of course, read my biography, *Pendragon.* It seems to me that the development of my psychism appears to have come about as the result of combined mental, emotional, and physical stress. Now, I have known a good many persons who have undergone stresses greater than mine and these crises did not cause psychicism in their

particular cases. Obviously, there must be some indefinable something at work here.

Let me say that I believe that emotional, mental, and physical stresses, in certain rare instances, can produce psychism. I happened to be one of those rare instances.

Do you feel that everybody has the potential to become psychic?

Well, I believe that everyone may have latent psychic abilities. But again, there must be something that makes one person a psychic sensitive and the vast majority of other people apparently "non-sensitive."

What do you think that "something" may be?

If I knew that, I should become a wealthy man selling a psychic development course!

One thing I have always believed, is that while the stresses I experienced resulted in my becoming a psychic sensitive, the same stresses might, in a slightly different man or woman, have resulted in that individual becoming an artist, a musician—or a madman, a drug addict, a drunkard!

I also feel that there is a correlation between the creative person and the psychic person. I studied art for many years, you know. Perhaps if the stresses had been a bit different and my cerebro-nervous system (and possibly my etheric system) had been otherwise constructed, you might be here today interviewing me for the beauty of my paintings, rather than the accuracy of my predictions.

When did you become a professional psychic?

I began to develop a regular clientele in 1943.

Did they come for sittings and personal predictions?

I calculated horoscopes for some. For others, I gave psychometric-clairvoyant readings. Sometimes, as might be suspected, I incorporated the two.

But over the years, you have primarily worked through the mails.

Yes, that is correct. I found that it was not really necessary for me to have the client there in front of me.

I suppose, basically, I am a psychometrist. When I touch a picture a client has sent me or handle his ring or watch, I not only "see" his present condition, but I also have a clear picture of what that individual has experienced. In numerous cases, I also have a clear picture of his future.

Do you ever receive purely clairvoyant impressions of people?

Of course. All the time. But I feel that it is essential for me to have a firm bond with anyone who writes to me as a client. I want a piece of his handwriting and a recent photograph. I also would like to have his complete birth data, for if a psychic "blockage" should occur, I might wish to do his astrological chart.

What could cause such a "blockage"?

Oh, it might be due to the vibrations of the client or to my own lack of receptivity.

Is that the only time you use astrology?

In my readings, yes. To me, astrology is but an additional physical aid to help me get psychometrically in tune with my client. The charting of a client's horoscope is an excellent means by which I might clear away the blockage and receive a clear impression of the client's problem.

How do you receive impressions? As symbols or in dramatized visions?

I often see things first as symbols of an approaching reality. As a child, I often spoke of people's "springs" getting out of order, because I knew that if one of my toys broke a spring, it was damaged. As an adult, I see every person as a flame. If I should be with a person

who is about to die by violence of some sort, something very queer will happen. The person will vanish. Psychically, his "flame'" will go out so I cannot see him.

Generally, in working by mail, I like to sit quietly with a client's letter just before I receive an impression. Quite often I notice a quickening of my pulse. Sometimes there is also a queer feeling in my skull. I much prefer postal readings. They affect me less, because I can detach myself from the aura of a client and "see" more easily. Generally, my postal readings are more accurate, too.

Is there any time of the day when you seem to work best?

I have noticed that I seem to be at my psychic best after 11:00 A.M. and before 7:00 P.M., but, of course, as a professional clairvoyant, I must be prepared to work whenever I am needed.

And the impressions come to you as soon as you handle a client's letter?

Yes, I generally receive rapid impressions, especially when things are "clicking" just right for me.

How do you decide which impressions are correct and which may be false?

I am not conscious of any process of evaluation during which I accept some impressions and reject others. Generally, I do not receive erroneous impressions. I am more likely to receive no impressions at all, rather than incorrect impressions.

I have heard of your ability to employ long-distance clairvoyance in order to detect minerals and buried objects. Could you explain your technique for such utilization of psychic ability?

I have always been extremely sensitive to maps. On occasion, I have been able to describe the interior of a house and its occupants merely by placing my finger on

the little black dot that represents the house on a large scale map.

When I do my map-reading, I like to have a picture frame about twelve inches by eighteen inches filled with black paper or dull-finished black fabric. I use this frame as a kind of black projection screen. As I explore the map with the forefinger of my right hand, what I am touching on the map usually projects itself onto the screen. I find that for best results, I must have myself free of emotion and personal worries. I must be calmly poised.

I also find that I must not try too hard. A rather indifferent attitude seems to work best. If I knit my brows and bite my lip and become anxious, the picture either will not come, or if it does, I soon lose it.

Why is it important that you use the forefinger of your right hand?

It isn't really important at all to the mechanics of the psychism. It is probably just a psychological reinforcement of some kind. Sometimes I use a steel knitting needle as a pointer. A pencil will do, also, but I really prefer my forefinger.

How necessary is the black screen?

I do not really need the screen as a physical crutch. The picture can appear in mid-air. On occasion there may be no picture at all, but simply a subjective impression.

It sounds in some ways as though you may be practicing astral projection as you read these maps via long-distance clairvoyance.

It may only be a matter of semantics. I certainly feel that the psychic talent of astral projection is closely allied to long-distance clairvoyance.

Have you practiced astral projection?

Yes, on many occasions, but not in the manner of

the highly colored and imaginative works that I have read on the subject.

What techniques do you employ to get out of the body?

I don't really know if I have any particular technique to pass along. Truly, I do not really know how I do it. Astral projection just seems to work for me. I project myself so easily and see so many things in various parts of the world that I cannot always tell exactly where they are or prove each instance. In *Pendragon,* Steiger mentions several specific instances in which I proved that I had projected to his home—a distance of nearly 3,000 miles from my own flat.

Well, could you tell us how you managed to project to Steiger's home?

I simply wrote Brad's name on a note pad and placed my trusty forefinger upon it. In a few seconds, I found myself in his home.

That was all there was to it?

As I told you, astral journeys are a common occurrence for me. I seem to get to places without any conscious volition. I usually just write a name of a friend on a note pad, place my finger upon it, and go check up on him. Or I can do this by staring at a photograph.

In occult literature, we read of an astral body, an etheric body, an etheric double, a spiritual body, and a soul body. What is your opinion of these many "bodies"?

In my opinion, man has a physical body, a spiritual body, or soul, an astral body, and an etheric body. I liken the physical body to a base from which the others operate. I would not say that they permeate each other, since each can act independently of the other.

The astral body can travel of its own accord while

man is asleep and can visit places and return. In this way, a man may be able to describe scenes and conditions in parts of the world where his physical body has never been.

Many experimenters say that the astral body is attached to the physical one by a cord—rather like the umbilical cord between mother and child—and that this cord is connected with the head of the physical body. I agree with Dr. Alexander Cannon, who wrote that the astral body has no extremities, is more or less egg-shaped, and emits an orange ray.

And what about the etheric body? Is that just another name for the astral body?

The etheric body is one through which contacts are received on the channels that supply us with guidance, spiritual and inspirational. This is the body that receives our impressions, refreshes our memory of the past, directs our emotions, and is the center of our spiritual awareness.

It is from the etheric body that the radiations known as the auric colors build up around the physical body and enable those who are physically sensitive to see what the state of this realm of being denotes. It is exceptionally helpful in health diagnoses and in all psychological aspects of the person. It is also the most important adjunct to the earthly body, as it is the reservoir from which the mind draws much of its substance.

You became world famous after you made the prediction of President John F. Kennedy's assassination several months in advance of the terrible occurrence. How do you gain your predictions of world figures?

I usually work with the press photographs of public figures, or if I do not have a picture of a certain individual, I write the name on a sheet of paper and

concentrate on it until a "picture" comes. I like, if possible, to have birth data, but this is not always necessary.

I had neither photo nor birth data when I forecast President Kennedy's assassination. Neither would have been necessary, for I was overwhelmed with the forcefulness of the precognitive image which I had of the President's approaching death.

I know that in addition to publishing your prediction of President Kennedy's assassination you also tried to contact him by letter. If he had heeded your warning, could he have been saved?

He might be alive today, unless he were *fated* to die at that time.

What is your definition of fate? Doesn't man have free will?

I often answer that question with an analogy, so I shall repeat it again, as it seems to be a workable one.

A man may be fated to go from New York to San Francisco. This he is fated to do. There is no escape, no deviation from this plan. He cannot go to any other destination. He must go to San Francisco.

Free will enters into the matter in regard to the manner and route of his journey. He may fly directly from New York, or he can go by rail or by road. If he chooses road, he can go by car or even by bicycle or on foot. He can go by sea, via the Panama Canal. He can go north and then west via Canada and then south again, or he can sail due eastward and approach San Francisco from the west.

In the selection of a route, he has choice, but in one thing he has no choice—his eventual destination. I think it is thus in life. In one or two things we are fated, but that in a vast number, we have free will.

Whatever route we decide to choose, we choose it only as another means of getting to our fated destination.

In my opinion, those who govern nations are rather more fated than the more common man. The same seems to apply to those whose life is involved with the guidance or service of large numbers of other persons. I have observed that occultists seem always to be notoriously fated.

Therefore, if President Kennedy were fated to die in Dallas, it would not have mattered if he had read my letter and been disturbed by it. Fate would have conspired to have placed him in that city on that fatal day in November.

Do you feel that there are matters and certain laws about which God intended us not to know?

God is not a person, but a Supreme Law. The term "intention" cannot be correctly applied here.

Behind every event there must be, explicable or not, a certain law, whether physical or otherwise. Man continues to expand his knowledge of the universe, and I see no reason to suppose that God intends that certain phenomena should forever remain a mystery.

What do you have to say about the current popularity of the Ouija board? Are the spirits who manifest themselves via the Ouija board of a generally benign or a malignant nature?

First of all, you should not assume that *any* spirits enter into the matter of the Ouija board at all. In most instances, the Ouija produces messages from the sitters' own subconscious minds.

Now I do not say that you could not receive a message from a discarnate spirit while working the Ouija board, but I think that you should be very cautious in working with such paraphernalia as spirit boards.

Who do you think better understands the universe—a material scientist or a mystic such as yourself?

Considering the nature of the universe, I should say that we are both correct. We are simply looking at the same thing from different angles.

It might be said that all is mind, and since both of us believe the universe to be of a particular nature, then it is so for each of us.

Likewise, I believe that heaven, the after-life, will depend entirely upon the mind-picture of the thinker. What one finds after death, I venture, will be consistent with what he has believed heaven to be like.

What qualities of character and personality do you feel best serve the career psychic?

Unless the career psychic is going to pander to the public demand for predictions and meaningless displays of psychic phenomena, he has to have some knowledge of medicine, psychiatry, spiritual matters, and the law. And one would do well to know a bit about a host of other subjects, from ancient history to metallurgy. The career psychic must also have a wealth of what can only be described as common sense.

Unless the career psychic has pledged himself to that vast army of talisman merchants, lucky-number dealers, vendors of commercialized occult trash, and the dud astrologer's brigade, he must be conscientious. The professional seer must be at all times prepared to tell his clients the truth, or what he believes to be the truth, rather than to echo whatever it is that the client wishes to hear. At the same time, the psychic must learn to do this with diplomacy.

This is quite a statement for me to make, my friend, but I would venture that sixty percent of those who consult seers and astrologers are going to the wrong people. So many of the career psychic's clients really

need doctors, psychiatrists, lawyers, and priests—and most of all, they need God!

If a career psychic wishes to be truly conscientious, he will find that one of his most difficult tasks is to bring the credulous down to earth. The wide-eyed believers outnumber the hard-backed skeptics ten to one.

A conscientious seer must allay the fears of the apprehensive, yet he must make them realize that he has no magical power to wave a wand over them and change their conditions in the twinkling of an eye.

In short, the professional seer, the career psychic, must at least endeavor to attain the patience of Job and the wisdom of Solomon!

That sounds like a tall order, indeed.

I have always felt that much is given to the able and conscientious clairvoyant, but, believe me, much is expected of him.

I have never made private forecasts concerning the results of sporting contests of any kind. I do not fill in people's football-pool coupons, or attempt to foresee the results of any kind of gambling activity.

In my opinion, psychic powers should be used to aid men and women in trouble, not to attempt to obtain large sums of money from the troubled and the confused.

Since psychics throughout the ages have been telling man about the afterlife, why do people remain so afraid of death?

If we reincarnate, as I believe we do, we may receive a glimpse beforehand of what will happen to us in our coming earth-life. We may see what suffering lies ahead of us in the body's rebirth. When we enter death, nature may draw down the blind, so to speak, and we may have difficulty recalling the happy things we have

experienced in the interim of waiting or perhaps during the last time we had a body.

Furthermore, nature has given us the law of self-preservation. If we did not have the fear of death to encourage us to preserve ourselves, we should allow our physical bodies to be destroyed before it was our time. It is the fear of death that keeps us locked tightly in our physical bodies until such time as we have learned the lessons of life and worked off some of our Karma.

A few moments ago you made some remarks which seemed to be quite disparaging toward talismans, charms, amulets, and similar items. I would assume that you do not put a great deal of credence or faith in lucky charms?

Well, perhaps if I had faith in them they would work. By that I mean I don't believe any of these items will work without faith and courage, both of which are qualities that are exceedingly powerful in themselves without the physical aid of talismen.

Rather than a charm, though, I would advise my client not to be so preoccupied with failure or success and become more concerned simply with *doing*.

What advice would you give someone who is seeking to develop himself psychically?

I must say that I am definitely against "development." If one has any marked psychic ability, I feel that it is best to let it develop itself. It is my opinion that everyone has latent psychic abilities, but I feel that nature—or God, if you will—intended these faculties to remain below the level of conscious mind.

Then you would definitely advise against forcing psychic development?

Absolutely. One cannot pry open a rosebud to make it bloom before its season. I feel it is the same sort of

situation with the psychic gift. It is my observation that many men and women have been ruined psychologically, and sometimes physically, by an effort to "pry open" their psychism.

How do you feel about special diets to supplement one's psychism?

Diet has never made much difference to my achieving clairvoyance. I am certain that no one will ever achieve clairvoyance or any other psychic ability by half-starving himself. If one practices psychism professionally, it entails considerable physical strain. I feel that it is very important to have adequate vitamin E, which is best obtained from brewer's yeast and plenty of animal protein.

If God and nature had intended man to be vegetarian, man would not have been put together with the gastric sections in his stomach that digest meat.

Do you find that some places more than others seem to inspire your psychism?

I prefer quiet, restful places for the exercise of my psychic abilities, but it really matters little.

What is your opinion about the use of alcohol to prime the psychic pump a bit?

I am a teetotaler, and I never take drugs of any kind. I am aware of the nature and the effect of the various psychedelic drugs, such as LSD, but I cannot see that any such drugs would be helpful to a psychic sensitive.

If you will pardon a personal question, have you ever married?

No. Generally, I believe seership and marriage to be incompatible, unless the partner who is the sensitive is in complete harmony at all levels with his or her mate.

You do feel, then, that there is a definite interaction between sex and psychism?

Oh, yes. I believe that repressed sex can cause psychic phenomena. Psychic sensitives have a great deal of what is called magnetism. Many people mistake this for "sex appeal," and often misguided females will hound a psychic because they feel he is so sexy. Now, this is not to say that psychics do not have sex appeal, but what I am saying is that this dynamic magnetism sends out a wide field that seems to affect some individuals on a strictly sensual level.

What do you feel about what appears to be a growing interest in the occult?

Of course I am pleased that so many people are becoming interested in the occult sciences and that one no longer has to be regarded as weird if he professes to be a psychic. On the other hand, I must caution the general public that there are dangers and hazards in the occult.

Occultism is not a subject for everybody. In many instances, alas, it is the very people who should keep clear of it who wallow in it.

Some people escape via drugs, some via drink, sex, nervous breakdowns. Others, unfortunately, attempt to flee earthly reality via occultism. It is these tragic figures who need protection from the racketeers who would prey upon them and use them as a means of making money.

As you sit at the zenith of one of the world's most impressive careers in psychism, how does life now appear to you?

At this point, it would seem to me that life has no end, no beginning, but that underneath are the everlasting arms. I hope dear old Anne Boleyn, one of Henry VIII's ill-fated spouses, would not begrudge my adapting her family motto as my own: *Post tenebris, spero lucem.* "After the darkness, my hope is in the dawn."

Chapter Nine

PAUL TWITCHELL

Paul Twitchell is the Western world's leading exponent of *Eckankar*, an ancient science which emphasizes "soul travel," or what others might term out-of-body experience, as a method of attaining God-Realization.

Twitchell conducts lecture tours across both Europe and the Orient each year, in addition to fulfilling a heavy schedule of seminars around the United States and Canada. Eckanker has its official headquarters in Las Vegas, Nevada (mailing address: P. O. Box 5325), but Twitchell maintains a number of spiritual retreats in Mexico and California. The advocates of *Eckankar* now number in the hundreds of thousands, and several cities now support *Sat-Sang* groups devoted to the study of this allegedly ancient science of total awareness.

Twitchell himself is a small, soft-voiced, unassuming man, who consistently clothes himself in blue suits, blue shirts, blue ties, and blue shoes to match his blue eyes. Although the very name of Paul Twitchell is likely to bring grumbles of protest and to arouse clouds of con-

troversy wherever it is uttered, there has obviously been something in his message that has appealed to thousands of seekers, who have ostensibly chosen *Eckankar* out of the plethora of New Age teachings.

Employing a technique which he terms the ECK-Vidya, Twitchell consistently amasses a rather high percentage of accurate predictions. Among predictions which appeared in national magazines and newspapers in advance of the actual occurrences were the death of Ho Chi Minh, Jackie Kennedy's marriage to Aristotle Onassis, the discovery of new iron ore lodes in western Australia, the continuation of a schism in the orthodox churches, the earthquakes on the Japanese islands of Honshu and Hokkaido, and the dissolution of the Beatles.

We began our interview with Paul Twitchell with a discussion of his unique method for prognosticating the future.

Could you tell us exactly what the ECK-Vidya is and from what tradition it stems?

The *ECK-Vidya* is the *atma* science of prophecy used mainly by the adepts of the secret order of the *Vairagis*, the brotherhood of those great masters who follow the path of *Eckankar*, the ancient science of Soul Travel. The *ECK-Vidya* is more inclusive than astrology or any of the mystical arts utilized by the ancient and modern prophets of psychic precognition. The art of the *ECK-Vidya* is only an aspect of *Eckankar*, which is the fulfillment of God-Realization. The *ECK-Vidya* has always been a part of the training for all ECK Masters. It has been handed down from one master to another since the dawn of time, for there has always been a living ECK Master here on earth to take care of those who follow the path of *Eckankar*.

Very few people today use this ancient method of prophecy, for the old instructions of divination, which were handed down by oral teachings, have gone underground. The Masters of *Eckankar*, who are able to use the *ECK-Vidya* techniques of checking a person's past, present, and future, have dwindled to a handful, headed mainly by Fubbi Quantz, the ECK Master who is the Abbot of the Katsupari Monastery near the old site of the Voice of Akisvasha, an oracle still active in the wild mountain ranges of northern Tibet near an unexplored site called Tirmer.

Does the ECK-Vidya have any of the same components as astrology?

The *ECK-Vidya* has a cycle of twelve periods within the year, although at one time there were thirteen periods. These periods were shortened to include twelve months, twelve years making one cycle. This means it takes one hundred and forty-four years to complete a full cycle of singular existence. In antediluvian times this was the length of a man's years on earth.

The Wheel of the *ECK-Vidya* has twelve spokes—the original sections of time which made up the calendar of all nations that existed on earth before the great flood. In ancient times there were thirty days in each month. In the course of time the present calendar was worked out to include twelve months with a varied number of days. In the ancient days the growing seasons and daylight were precious, so the months were named for rare jewels. Only kings and the very wealthy were able to own jewels and, therefore, royalty was considered the favorite of the gods.

Anyone who uses the *ECK-Vidya* does not use mechanical standards, as in astrology. There is no chart drawn up and one does not think in terms of planetary vibrations. The *ECK-Vidya* is a method of reading the

individual soul records, which does not depend on plotting or knowledge of mathematics.

The reading of the individual soul records are done on the fifth plane of consciousness. The *ECK-Vidya* reader must be able to travel to this plane (the first of the true spiritual planes; all below it are in the psychic realm) in the *atmarsarup* (the soul body) to examine the records of that individual for whom he is reading.

The lower planes up to the soul plane are the physical, astral, causal, and mental. The akashic records of a soul's varied and many lives on earth are stored on the third plane, the causal plane.

Many persons who have psychic ability can contact this plane and read for themselves or others, although it is only the lower plane records which are being read. The soul plane records which the *ECK-Vidya* reader can contact grant the ultimate reading for anyone who desires to know the truth about themselves. The *ECK-Vidya* reader is able to give an account of every past life which the individual soul has spent in an incarnation on every plane in the lower worlds, including the physical, astral, causal, and mental.

Soul will be incarnated on various planes to work off Karma. It spends time on these other planes in various incarnations, even after leaving the physical plane, unless it is under the guidance of the living ECK Master. Therefore, astrology is only dealing with a single dimension, the physical plane.

This does not mean there is any conflict with astrology, but that astrology does not go as far in informing the reader.

How would you compare the accuracy of the ECK-Vidya to astrology?

As I just stated, the two work in altogether different fields. Astrology is a mechanical force stating only the

prospects of what could take place, while the *ECK-Vidya* is more accurate for it definitely states the Karmic pattern that shows the individual having certain happenings and events in his life. The *ECK-Vidya* reader is above the planes of time and space and can see the past and future time track. He does not work with ESP, but with the definite reading of the records of individual soul.

The soul embodiments of past lives are similar to tiny file cards; each is a life with a series of these pictures beginning at birth and passing through all events to death, on whatever plane it has embodied itself. Looking further, the reader can see what is going to happen to the individual in the present life and future lives. Astrology cannot be read any further than a few years ahead in this life. Maybe through a whole life, but not into any future lives.

Can anyone learn to do the ECK-Vidya, or do you have to be an adept? Can it be taught?

Those Initiates of the Fifth Circle in *Eckankar* can generally learn to do the *ECK-Vidya*. Naturally, only a few will attain this level, but the *ECK-Vidya* is one of the thirty-two aspects of ECKANKAR which is developed in learning the spiritual works of ECK. Those few who have learned it are showing spiritual development; but then one day, they will cease to read publicly as I have done, because of lack of time or because they have risen above this stage of unfoldment in their advancing toward God-Realization. In some cases it is taught to the individual who has reached the state of the fifth initiation in ECK.

Are there any similarities to numerology in the ECK-Vidya? Any sacred numbers?

There are no sacred numbers in the *ECK-Vidya*. It has nothing to do with numerology. Since it works only

with looking and seeing from the fifth (soul) plane, it has nothing to do with either numbers or numerology.

How can the ECK-Vidya be used to guide the life of the individual?

When an individual asks for an *ECK-Vidya* reading he expects to have a guideline laid down for him for a certain period of his life, particularly if the reading is for the future.

There are three types of readings which make up the *ECK-Vidya* system.

First, the Akashic reading, which consists only of the past lives in this world. When one gets this type of reading he can only expect to learn something about his past lives and the Karmic pattern which existed over the many years and made him what he is today.

Secondly, the Soul reading, which gives him the many lives spent on other planes, the Karma which was accumulated there, and which makes up part of his life today.

Third, the *ECK-Vidya* reading, which is mostly for the future. It can be given for many years ahead, or merely for one year only.

This should be a guideline for him in his daily affairs.

What do you mean when you refer to the Ziquin of the ECK-Vidya?

The *Ziquin* means above the psychic planes. *Zi* is a word in the Amdo language, the dialect of a community of persons on the border of northeast Tibet and China. It is in this region that ECK has been most prominent and most well known. *Zi* means above, and the word *Quin* is five; therefore, *Ziquin* means above the fifth plane, the plane from which the *ECK-Vidya* readings are made.

Two other words are concerned with the *ECK-Vidya* here. First is the *Saguna Sati*, which is the method used

by the *ECK-Vidya* readers, that is, the instant projection from the physical body to the fifth plane, be it for reading or to enjoy the bliss of God.

The other word is the *Bhavacakra*, which is the Wheel of Life, or that which those in *Eckankar* call the Cycle of the *ECK-Vidya*.

The Wheel of Life is used by the ECK Masters to utilize divine wisdom as a means of informing the mind of man of the very nature of his existence. In other words, the *ECK-Vidya* is a method of divination based upon the very ancient understanding of the *Samsara* (the world of changes, which is the psychic universe—the lower planes).

Why are life-cycles of men, nations, and planets of importance in the ECK-Vidya?

These are important because they are connected with the journey of soul through all the cycles of time in order to perfect itself. By the use of measurement we can somewhat compare the months of the modern calendar with the ancient ECK calendar.

They are as follows: *January*—the month of the emerald, called *Astik* in the ECK world or the days of wisdom. *February*—the month of the bloodstone, called *Uturat* or days of love. *March*—month of the jade, called *Garvata* or days of joy. *April*—the month of the opal, called *Ebkia* or days of hope. *May*—the month of the sapphire, called *Ralot* or days of truth. *June*—the month of the moonstone, called *Sahak* or the days of music. *July*—the month of the ruby, called *Kamitoc* or the days of freedom. *August*—the month of the diamond, called *Mokshove* or the days of light. *September*—the month of the agate, called *Dzyani* or the days of friendship. *October*—the month of the jasper, called *Parinama* or the days of beauty. *November*—the month of the pearl, called *Hortar* or the days of

wealth. *December*—the month of the onyx, called *Niyamg* or the days of charity.

Men, nations, communities, and planets are affected in a sense by higher vibrations which rotate every twelve years and change into a different cycle. Souls make up nations, communities, and inhabit planets as beings and in human bodies. Therefore, they are influenced by the twelve year cycle. Each time a twelve year cycle passes, a soul or group of souls are lifted higher into another level of spiritual unfoldment.

Can the ECK-Vidya even help one to interpret his dreams?

Somewhat, but this is an aspect of the whole of the *ECK-Ynarni*, the secret knowledge of dreams. I am in the midst of writing a complete book on this subject. Also, I am writing a book on *ECK-Vidya*.

What does the ECK-Vidya have to say about reincarnation and Karma?

The *ECK-Vidya* works with the twin-theory of reincarnation and Karma. It tries to explain and show how each is integrated in the life of every person. It also shows how Karma may be worked out in a single lifetime and that one does not have to return to this world. That is, after the individual becomes an initiate of *Eckankar*.

How may we best define Eckankar? Is it a yoga, a religion, a philosophy, an occult system . . . ?

It is none of those things. *Eckankar* is a way to God-Realization. *Eckankar* spells spiritual freedom. When man loosens and lets go, he finds himself guided to the liberation of his soul. From liberation comes total freedom, total awareness, and total responsibility—the keys to heaven. The fundamental teaching of ECK is that these attributes may be most readily achieved through travel in the soul body.

And by soul travel, you mean traveling out of one's body.

Yes, but I do not mean what is so often called astral projection. Astral projection is definitely a product of lower level phenomena. Soul travel is the natural means of going to God.

Can drugs assist one in travelling in his soul?

Because it is each man's responsibility to live in God-Realization as much as possible without losing any of its effects in his daily personal life, it is only reasonable that we should take the way that God has provided for us and not the way that man wants to take to get there faster by artificial agents. If man relies on such methods, all life becomes an illusion; he is in danger of forsaking his responsibility to life and becoming a burden to society.

What about certain techniques of meditation? Might they be helpful in achieving soul travel?

Eckankar is active, not passive. We aren't concerned with sitting around contemplating our navels. We try never to make the error of confusing the microcosm with the macrocosm.

You see, in *Eckankar*, we work constantly toward the student, the *chela*, developing complete spiritual freedom, total awareness, and total responsibility. The trouble with so many meditative techniques under the guidance of various masters is that they do not grant their *chelas* their freedom. They retain their hold on the individual.

When the student of *Eckankar* has completed his course of study, he is free to ask me to accept the role as his master or he is free to go on his way. It is not the way of *Eckankar* to demand a hold that lasts for the life of the student. It *is* the way of *Eckankar* to set the individual free to accept his own responsibility and to

stand on his own feet. We definitely do not encourage any one "dropping out" of society. In *Eckankar*, we seek to improve the social order, not to retreat from its problems and responsibilities.

And you say that all this is best implemented through soul travel.

Yes, that is true.

But soul travel is not astral projection?

Astral projection is a very limited means of getting out of the body. It really is not very practical, except for learning projection as a first step to God. This type of out-of-body projection leads primarily to elementary phenomena, while soul travel will provide the student with freedom on every plane in the vast world of God.

Heaven has more than one plane?

In *Eckankar* we learn that the heavenly worlds are comprised of several planes of existence, each denoting a certain amount of spiritual growth and level of consciousness.

And in Eckankar, man does not need first to die before he enters heaven.

That is true. Death need not be man's only ticket to the heavenly worlds. He may, through the practice of soul travel, transcend his mantle of flesh and daily soar unencumbered through the mighty God worlds.

The student of soul travel can have the opportunity of visiting any plane he wishes, or the option of making trips to the various levels of existence at his own volition. It must be remembered, however, that soul travel is concerned mainly with movement of soul in the lower worlds, that of the regions from the physical planes to the fifth plane, which is the first of those ethereal regions named as the worlds of pure spirit. Once there, we are within the true kingdom and no longer need movement or travel. Soul is beyond time

and space, which is existent within the lower planes, the physical, astral, causal, mental, and etheric planes.

As long as soul stays within these five planes which constitute the psychic worlds, it is dealing with time and space and, therefore, with movement or travel. As soon as soul reaches the upper planes of God, however, the concepts of time and space are meaningless. Soul is in a state of total awareness and travel becomes unnecessary. Soul is in a state of God-Realization, absolute consciousness. It is the achievement of this state that *Eckankar* is all about.

Does ECK believe that one may acquire spirit guides?

Not if you mean that in the old spiritualist sense. *Eckankar* does teach that there exists a vast spiritual hierarchy operating throughout the universe.

How can such a hierarchy affect the students of ECK?

The hierarchy is very important to the *chelas* of ECK, for the beings who comprise this hierarchy play a key role in each student's development. An earnest *chela* will be taken nightly from his physical body to travel to other planes. There he will be given instruction by an ECK master.

The *chela* will first meet his master in the light worlds, where the master will be waiting to link up his light body with that of the *chela*. Then the master will take him to some specific point in the spirit planes to explore or study.

Can't one travel on these planes on his own, without a master?

Yes, but even in spontaneous out-of-body experience, the soul's progress is always watched so it does not encounter any psychic snarls on the way. The great advantage in travelling with a master, of course, is that he will make suggestions and steer you in certain direc-

tions in order that you gain the greatest benefit from your journey.

You would, then, discourage an individual from attempting soul travel independently?

Well, let me answer that by saying that I think that it is always best to have a spiritual guide, if only to save wear on oneself. The trial and error process of learning soul travel is very time consuming and may place a strain upon the neophyte.

Of course, it goes without saying that soul travel is an intensely individual thing, and even though the teacher might be needed at first, the *chela* must inevitably continue alone.

Then it would not be necessary to have a master after one has truly accomplished soul travel and learned its precepts?

The true master will continue to encourage his *chela* to keep trying his spiritual wings until he can come and go in the spirit body with relative ease.

No real master will seek to hold a *chela* forever. Once the student has established himself on the fifth plane of consciousness, he will be released by the true master. The individual in *Eckankar* must always be free to accept his own responsibility and to stand on his own feet.

The achievement of spiritual freedom through soul travel enables the enlightened one to travel the illuminated path free from all physical and spiritual entanglements. He is free from the world of matter, energy, space, and time. He is responsible thereafter only to the Ultimate Being.

The crowning achievement of the adept in soul travel is that he will become a co-worker with the Supreme Deity. He lives a life of freedom above the so-called physical laws of the conventional thinker; and while he lives in this world, he is not of it.

Isn't there a danger that some adepts may consider themselves so removed from the world that they will seek to abnegate their responsibilities?

No, and I have touched on this before in this interview. While *Eckankar* teaches its followers to remain detached from worldly concerns, it still requires its members to fulfill their social and familial obligations. *Eckankar*, properly practiced, can never be used as an excuse to keep from discharging a duty, or to keep from interacting responsibly with the world. The trick is in detachment. One must love his family, do his daily labor, fulfill his role as a citizen, without becoming bound to any of them. Unless we are heading for the ultimate goal of soul-awareness within the realm of God, we should examine our values in life.

Is the study of Eckankar made up largely of the examination of secret doctrines and ancient formulas?

The knowledge to be gained from a study of *Eckankar* is not hidden, nor can any of it be distilled into pat formulas or something which can be read from a book. The knowledge of *Eckankar* lies in a process which the neophyte slowly develops and prepares for himself. The *chela* does not acquire the power, but rather, he becomes a part of it. Neither does he accept the power: it accepts him.

The basic principle of *Eckankar* is that the world of creation is finished and that the original of all things lies with man. Therefore, the way by which each person can regain the original mastership of his own "Garden of Eden" is by use of the faculty of imagination with which the *Sugmad* (God) has endowed each of us as his divine gift to all men.

Eckankar teaches that we can have comfort in the higher states of consciousness and in soul-travel experiences, such as those which were common in the lives of

the old Christian saints and the lives of the Eastern adepts.

All those who strive to attain perfection in this life will follow a path similar to the one which one follows in *Eckankar*. A teacher from the other worlds, or from this one, will appear at the time when the *chela* reaches a certain period of his spiritual life. The period of instruction may be difficult, but the end result is well worth the struggle.

Why do you keep emphasizing the solace and comfort gained by soul-travel experiences? Why do you insist that such experiences are so important?

Well, let me put it this way. Man, being mortal, must one day leave his fleshly cloak, so I feel it is important that he should learn by going in and out of the body that he can give up the material shell at the time of physical death without suffering and anxiety.

You have made repeated references to spiritual masters and teachers. Might these beings from the spiritual hierarchy be compared to the more common concept of saints, who act as intermediaries between God and man?

These spiritual travelers refuse to consider themselves as intermediaries between the Supreme Being and man. Of course they are the agents of the *Sugmad*, God, but they will not allow any mortal to rely upon them as a support.

And what do you mean by "God-Realization?"

When the mind gives up its inner tensions, this experience of light and sound comes pouring into soul like a violent flood. God-Realization may often be sudden, unexpected, and spontaneous. It lifts us into the heights of the True Kingdom and snaps us out of the sleep state into the consciousness of awareness. In God-Realization we are now alive. The whole secret of our

strength lies not in the fact that we have the secret of power, but of life itself.

How would you define your role as a teacher of Eckankar?

First of all, in dealing with my people, I seldom use the word *chela*, student. Once such roles as those of student and teacher are accepted by the seeker, he may persist in identifying himself as such. This is one of the lower aspects of all metaphysical teachings, for it raises one and puts another in a lower class.

Since we are all spiritually equal, no ECK master is going to stress the fact that he is on a higher level than another, regardless of his place on the spiritual pathway. The adepts of the ancient order of the Vairagi declare that each of us has esoteric knowledge within us and that in some this knowledge is of a higher degree simply because they have come to recognize it a bit sooner than others.

Would you declare that Eckankar offers the only path to God?

I am well aware that there are many approaches to God, for nobody has a monopoly on any path. God *is*, and, of course, soul *is*, since soul is a part of God. When we understand this as truth, then we learn that all a teacher can do is to put our feet upon a path and point the way. No one teacher, living or past, can give us the actual understanding of truth. The knowledge and understanding of truth is wholly dependent upon the individual to make his way to truth.

When one reaches a certainty of this spiritual knowledge, he suddenly knows the secret of the ages. He has learned the simplest of all things, that each one of us is truth itself. We are the living truth, the very embodiment of God. The essential nature of *Eckankar* is freedom from all things—the complete independence of soul.

Chapter Ten

RON WARMOTH

Ron Warmoth is one of America's leading Tarot card readers and psychic sensitives. He has turned the cards for television personalities, for top international business personnel, for Broadway and Hollywood stars, for political figures, and for confused youngsters seeking a pathway out of the morass of the drug underground. Warmoth's book, *The Tarot*, offers a guide to the ancient and arcane cards in clear, easy-to-understand language for the layman.

The young psychic speaks in a soft voice and smiles easily, but when he is asked questions, he answers both frankly and directly. This interviewer was able to get the energetic and always busy Warmoth to slow down long enough to answer a number of queries over dinner at the Tudor Hotel in New York City.

Ron, how have you, a comparative newcomer to the psychic field, been able to develop an enviable reputation for highly accurate readings in such a brief period?

I have learned to accept my talent and to use it to

the best advantage. When I give a reading, I am able to feel from within whether or not my impressions are accurate. And I am always honest with myself and with my clients, or I could not read the Tarot objectively.

How long have you been a professional psychic?

I arrived on the West Coast after three years at Missouri State College and a brief stint as a dancer, actor, and model. Let's see, it was in 1965 that I arrived in Los Angeles and met Eve Nightingale, a psychic and magician, who had enjoyed a great popularity in the thirties. I owe a great deal to Miss Nightingale. She gave me a way of going.

I wouldn't say that she taught me in the sense of the usual teacher-student relationship. Rather, it was the subtle manner in which she guided me onto the proper path and helped me to accept the full range of my psychic gifts.

Have you always read the Tarot?

No, and it is really rather amusing how I came to acquire what has now become my identifying psychic trademark.

The manager of a hippie-type coffeehouse, the Bizarre Bazaar, asked me if I would be interested in giving free psychic impressions to his clientele in return for a small salary. This was to be my psychic debut, so to speak, and of course I was very excited. The manager told me that I was on trial, and I would not be paid unless I proved popular among his customers.

I really wanted to get my feet wet as a professional psychic, and I especially wanted to begin my work there in the hippie district. I hoped that I might be able to get the hippies interested in gainful employment and free them from drugs. I wanted to show them that mind expansion was possible without drugs. I wanted to let

them know that I had been on a "trip" for years, and I had never taken any kind of drugs.

So this job was very important to me, and I started to get just a little nervous about it. I mean, I wanted to make a good impression. I talked it over with Andy, my roommate, and we decided that maybe I should have some kind of visual aid to supplement my psychic impressions. You know, tea leaves, a crystal ball. These things turned me off. But then I thought of Tarot cards and went out and bought a deck.

The very first time I opened the deck, it was as if I had always worked with the Tarot. There was an instruction booklet inside, but I threw it away. I glanced at it, but it didn't make any sense to me. It was as if I just didn't need that crazy book. It was as if I knew what the symbols meant.

That night, according to my clients' own testimony, I read with 85-90 percent accuracy.

Then you never formally studied the Tarot? You just sat down and read them?

That first time, yes. The study came afterward.

I took each card of the Tarot and wrote down what impression it gave me. Then I would sit and concentrate on each aspect of the card—the symbol, the color, and the emotional impressions that I received from it.

After I had written down my first impressions of the card, I would check them against a popular book on the Tarot to see how closely my impressions matched with those set down by an experienced reader, someone who claimed to be an expert on the subject. In nearly every case, I had drawn the same interpretation. In instances wherein we differed, I much preferred my own impression.

Is there just one meaning to each card?

In my opinion, a given card can mean many different things. Its true meaning may depend on its relationship to the surrounding cards and how it relates to the querent, the person who has come to consult the Tarot. I feel that it falls upon the reader's psychic ability to determine the best interpretation for each client.

Do you use the cards for your own personal guidance?

No! Absolutely not. I don't feel that any reader is objective enough to read his own future. The subconscious mind plays too large a role in the way the cards fall and in the way in which they may be interpreted.

The advocate of astrology often refers to his art as the "mother of sciences." Do you feel that the Tarot may claim a past as venerable as that of astrology?

In many ways, all through history, astrology and the Tarot have gone hand-in-hand. The Tarot dates back to the time when the *Kabala* was first given to man, which was sometimes prior to the Jews' enslavement in Egypt. During this time, the Egyptians blended certain aspects of their mystery teachings with the *Kabala.* From Egypt, elements of the *Kabala,* and certainly the Tarot, were introduced into the philosophical systems of other Eastern nations.

Along with the Kabalistic symbols, each card of the Tarot incorporates an astrological meaning. From the time that man stepped foot on this earth, he has held the planets and stars in reverence. He has studied them; he has carefully watched them; he has learned that the course of man's future might be predicted by charting their movements.

Astrology is a science. It is the study of the mechanical movements of the heavenly bodies.

The Tarot is a philosophy. It is the study of the

interaction of the human mind and the Cosmic Universe.

Occultists believe that astrology and the Tarot are the ancestors of all present day occultism. I would say that the two are sisters in all of the ancient teachings and that they are compatible with the contemporary religious philosophy.

Do you feel that the Tarot can be as effective as astrology when it comes to planning one's course of action and his life-style?

I feel that, in some ways, astrology is more effective in planning one's definite course of action.

The science of astrology is mostly mathematical; therefore, nearly anyone with the proper background and training can, by careful study, map out a chart.

It is my belief, though, that a person must be psychic if he is to successfully complete a chart with precision. By the same token, I believe that a Tarot reader must be psychic if he is to effectively lay out a particular course of action or a life-pattern.

Can the Tarot actually foresee distinct future happenings, or does it merely foresee certain trends?

The Tarot cannot be used for predicting distinct future happenings, but it can provide information about certain approaching trends. When it comes to predicting distinct future happenings, the actual divination must be done through psychic projection on the part of the Tarot reader.

Do you feel that one must be clairvoyant or have some ESP abilities in order to effectively spread the Tarot? Or might anyone learn to "read" the Tarot?

I feel that nearly anyone can learn to read the trends in the Tarot; but in order to predict anyone's future or

future events, the reader must definitely have psychic ability to be very effective or very accurate.

Do you, then, rely more on your psychic impressions of a client than you do on the turn of the Tarot cards?

When I am reading for a single client or a group of persons, I will use Tarot, or astrology, as a *guide*, but I definitely depend more on my own psychic impressions.

I use a certain method of concentration, and sometimes the cards will give me an impression related to the querent that is alien to my psychic impression. In such a case, I will rely upon my own psychic impression.

In terms of amassing details, which do you think does it more accurately—Tarot or astrology?

In the amassing of details, astrology is much more accurate, because, as we have said, it is based on mathematical premises. Any details gathered from Tarot come strictly from a psychic basis. There are only seventy-eight cards to a pack, but there are many times that number of combinations possible in an astral chart.

Would you recommend that one master both the Tarot and astrology, or should one specialize?

I do not feel that anyone can fully master either the Tarot or astrology. The pursuit of either is a lifetime study.

If one should wish to become an accomplished occultist, I should think that he would study astrology as a foundation, then go on to study the Tarot and other forms of the occult arts.

Is it possible to use Tarot on a day-to-day basis, as one might use astrology to guide his life?

No, I do not suggest that anyone use the Tarot as a

day-to-day guide for his life. No one is objective enough to read for himself. An astrology chart, however, gives definite planetary movements, which bring about certain effects, regardless of the astrologer's subjective desires.

Can there be certain cards from the Major Arcana which represent certain people, such as the sun signs do? That is, are there Tower of Destruction people, Hanged Man people, just as there are Aquarians and Leos?

Yes, certain cards do stand for certain people in a reading, but the Tarot reader must determine this designation based both on the astrological and the numerical value of the card.

Can one spread the Tarot cards for a nation, a business, an enterprise, the way an astrologer charts the planets for nations, businesses, and so forth?

Yes, a good Tarot reader can spread the cards for businessmen or for a nation in the same manner as an astrologer or any occultist.

I personally read for some top businessmen and executives with a high degree of accuracy. Of course, readings for businessmen depend more on psychic ability than the turn of the cards. For example, there is no card in the Tarot pack representing the stock market!

I feel that in the future both the Tarot and astrology will be used to greater benefit. The study of the occult sciences has just barely gotten under way. Modern man has but scratched the very surface of occult science.

We have been speaking so much of glimpsing the future on a turn of a Tarot card, can you also read a querent's past?

On any card spread, I always read the past as well as the future. The past patterns of the client help me

establish his pattern for the future. Once I have determined his past Karma and discovered which of the old laws that determine "whatever a man sows, so shall he reap" have been set into motion, I can develop a step-by-step pattern of what may develop for his future. If the future holds events that can be avoided, the Tarot cards may offer a route that will avoid the unpleasantness. I staunchly believe that, in most instances, a man creates his own future.

The Tarot was developed for determining steps toward spiritual growth. With each problem given to the Tarot, a step-by-step method will be returned by which the querent might overcome the obstacle presented. Through positive outlook and action on the part of a client, almost any goal may be obtained.

Are there times when you spread the cards for a querent and are unable to pick up any impressions at all?

Yes. There are times when I am unable to read because I am personally upset or physically and emotionally exhausted. Then, too, if a client is mentally disturbed or clearly hostile to me, I may find him nearly impossible to read for. I must also admit that there are times when I cannot read for a client and I simply cannot find an obvious reason.

Do you feel that you develop a telepathic link with your clients?

I am certain that a telepathic link develops between my clients and me in many instances.

What is your definition of telepathy and how does it work for you?

In my opinion, human thoughts travel on some type of wave length, much the same way as radio and television waves travel from a transmitter. When two minds

are *en rapport*, they may have total communication, because the human mind may work as both a transmitter and a receiver and each can be aware of the other's feeling and impressions.

I do not see pictures or visions. The future comes to me in the form of thought waves, and mental images flash through my mind.

How can you sort out these many images?

I rely on the symbols of the cards of the Tarot to open the door to my superconsciousness, and each symbol sparks off a psychic response that pulls in information from the Cosmos.

Ron, so many of the individuals who come to you for regular readings are top-level businessmen and society figures. Weren't you a little surprised to find an interest in the occult among these men and women?

It has been my observation that the wealthier people are, the more they seem to follow the occult. And what is more, they are not bashful about such an interest. One executive brings all his clients around to see me.

Do you see any essential differences in the queries that the wealthy have, as opposed to your less wealthy clientele?

On the basic, human level, the wealthy are no different from the folks back in my little hometown in Missouri. I find that human emotions are the same at every level of society. I treat each of my clients, regardless of social rank, as if he were a relative or a personal friend. And everything we discuss in confidence is regarded by me as a sacred trust.

Are you sometimes asked to serve as a kind of psychic Ann Landers?

I absolutely refuse to serve in the capacity of a Lonely Hearts Club. I am neither a marriage-counsel-

ing bureau nor an adviser to the sexually frustrated. If I should happen to spread the Tarot cards and see that a querent is being exploited by another in a love affair, I would then speak up. Otherwise, I hold my tongue!

What about matters of health? Do you give advice in this area?

Health is another area which I definitely consider out of my realm. In fact, I have a complete mental block against advising anyone on matters pertaining to his health.

But what if you were to pick up psychically that your querent might be able to do something to avert a serious illness, even death?

In that case, and such cases have arisen, I would recommend that he see a doctor, a clinic, or whatever, to have the matter attended to. But I would never prescribe. I would never pretend to heal. I simply will not toy around with someone's life. Some psychics may have such curative powers, but I am not one of these.

I admit that if some warning signal should break through my mental block and alert me to a querent's health problem, I would act. But I would send that querent straight to a doctor.

Some theorists attempt to gain insight into the workings of the psychic mind by delving into the background of sensitives. Would you mind telling us something about your personal background?

Not at all. I am of Dutch-Scandinavian ancestry. My family claims direct descent from Henry Clay Warmoth, the governor of Louisiana, who, in the 1860's, pardoned the New Orleans voodoo queen Marie Laveau from a death sentence. We have no conclusive evidence, but it seems that Marie Laveau might have

been Henry's mistress, for she blackmailed his way into the governorship.

The voodoo cultists believed that Marie Laveau lived for over 150 years. Now it appears obvious that a daughter of Marie Laveau's simply stepped in and took over for her when she reached a suitable retirement age and allowed the believers to assume that one woman maintained uninterrupted control of the cult. There are family rumors that Marie Laveau II might even have been Henry Warmoth's illegitimate daughter.

Now this is not to say that I claim to have inherited any voodoo powers from my ancestor's suspected indiscretion with the cult's high priestess. Actually, I do not need to reach that high on my family tree to find psychical antecedents. My maternal grandmother was a direct voice medium, whose spiritual advice was sought by relatives and friends.

When did your own psychic abilities begin to manifest themselves?

It seems that I have always been able to "know" things by means that I suppose were telepathic, but it was not until I was about sixteen that I really became aware that I was having precognitive dreams, glimpses of the future while I slept.

Did you ever envision yourself as a professional psychic when you were a teenager?

The notion that I would one day be a professional psychic would have seemed as unlikely to me as a teenager as would have been the notion that I would one day sprout wings and fly to the moon. And I am certain that I had never even heard of Tarot cards when I lived in Missouri!

Ron, do you have a spirit guide?

I am not a trance medium, and I do not work

through a spirit guide. However, it might be of interest to note that four different mediums have seen the form of an old Oriental gentleman bending over me while I was reading the Tarot. I am not aware of any discarnate entities flitting about me, however. Really, I must say that I do not accept the theory that unseen intelligences may be bringing me knowledge about my clients.

What would you term yourself—a psychic, a seer, a sensitive?

If you must hang a name on me, I suppose I might be termed a mystical clairvoyant. The Tarot serves as my medium of concentration, and I draw from cosmic energy and the subconscious mind.

To me, the Tarot is much more than a pointer, a device to free the subconscious. Although I never took formal instructions in reading the cards, some teachers have said that I read the Tarot most accurately, the way it should be read according to the most ancient teachings.

How did I know these things without having read any instructional materials? I do not know. In some cases, my interpretations of certain cards are the exact reverse of those that some Tarot schools teach as tradition, yet even my rivals have acknowledged the accuracy of my readings.

I do not know how this knowledge came to me in the beginning, but that was why I felt compelled to put things down my own way and explain each symbol according to my own interpretation in my book *The Tarot.*

Might your knowledge have been gained through experiences acquired in some previous life? Or, even

though you have denied it, might your knowledge have come from discarnate entities?

I certainly do not deny the existence of a spirit world, but I have no evidence that any entities are communicating with me, or, indeed, that such entities can communicate with anybody. I guess you would have to say that I am an agnostic on the matter of man's ability to interact with the shades of the departed.

As far as reincarnation goes, I accept certain things which I have read about people who have been able to remember their past lives or who can recall certain incidents in their past lives. It seems that many people of high intelligence and reputation have claimed memories that offer them subjective proof of their having lived before.

Have you had such memories?

I believe that I have. I have made careful notes of dreams and what appear to be memories and have found it interesting that they correlate with what various mediums have told me about my past lives. Of course, I am not certain whether these mediums could really tell me anything about my past lives, or if they were merely reading certain concepts from my mind.

Do you make predictions?

Yes and no. I make personal predictions during the course of any Tarot reading. Or do you mean sweeping world predictions?

I was inquiring whether or not you made national and international predictions.

I have given some predictions to certain publications and authors, but I prefer to advise on personal problems rather than to attempt previsions of world and national crises.

I feel that there is a higher plane and purpose for psychic phenomena than the spouting out of predictions for the future. The ancient knowledge manifested through astrology, the Tarot, meditation, and other occult exercises should be used to enhance and to evolve the world as a whole. I believe that the new Aquarian Age will evolve out of the occult sciences, whose philosophies are based on Nature's laws of cause and effect, and that a new society of selfless love will emerge on Earth.

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